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8th July 2025

To: Members of the Community Committee

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Community Plan Committee to be held at **6:00pm** on **Tuesday 15th July 2025**. The meeting will be held at the **Crewe Town Council offices, 1 Chantry Court, Crewe, CW1 2DL**.

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Yours sincerely,

Peter Turner Town Clerk Crewe Town Council

Agenda

- 1 To receive apologies for absence
- 2 To note declarations of Members' interests

3 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 27th May 2025

4 Public Participation:

A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments that relate to the items within the agenda. Any member of the public wishing to participate should email support@crewetowncouncil.gov.uk by 2.00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, providing their name, email address and an indication of the subject of their question or comment. Alternatively, your comments or questions can be submitted in advance and read to the committee at the meeting by the clerk.

Attendance at the meeting in person is permitted, but space is limited and you are asked to consider if you might be able to access the meeting virtually in consideration of available space and associated safety guidance. Please feel free to contact the office **b** discuss this in more detail if you would like to.

- **5** To review the year- to- date financial position for the Community Committee.
- **6** To consider matters related to grant applications received from:

1	Organisation Crewe FC	Purpose Sports Equipment	Amount £2396.27
2	Alpha Omega WPS	Connect & Protect (resubmission)	£2500.00
3	Hope Church	Hope Tots	£2465
4	Crewe Sir Cadets (95 Squadron)	Promotional Event Equipment	£1166
5	Community Recycle Cycles	Training for growth	£ 1664
6	St Mary's Caritas Centre	Community Garden	£1978.65
7	Crewe Brass Band	Build Crewe Brass	£2500

7 To provide an update to members on the grant allocated to Friends for Leisure. Variation request

- 8 To provide an update to members on grants that have ended since the last meeting.
- **9** To request a virement of funds to support the Remembrance Sunday service and recommend to council for approval.
- **10** To provide an update to members on the progress of the Business Delivery Plan 2025-26.
- 11 To ask members to consider and inform the draft budget setting proposal for 2026/27
- **12** To note the proposed date of the next meeting on Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 6pm.

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Minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2025

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In attendance:

Cllr Alan Coile		Cllr Dawn Clark	Cllr Sally Graham	Cllr Toni Mortimer				
Cllr Ben Wye	,	Cllr Kevin Murray	Cllr Irene Faseyi					
C/25/1/1	Cllr Dav	t a Chair and Deputy (wn Clark is elected as (n Coiley is elected as [Chair of the Communi	ty Committee				
C/25/1/2	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Jill Rhodes, Cllr Lena Hogben, Cllr Dennis Straine-Francis, Cllr Martin Edwards							
C/25/1/3	Cllr Ber Cllr Tor	To note declarations of Members' interests Cllr Ben Wye declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda item 7 (1) Cllr Toni Mortimer declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 7 (1) Cllr Irene Faseyi declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 7 (4)						
C/25/1/4	4 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Community Plan Committee meeting held on 11 th March 2025 RESOLVED: That the minutes are approved as a true record of the meeting.							
C/25/1/5	Public I	Participation:						
A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions of comments that relate to the items within the agenda.					or submit			
C/25/1/6	No questions submitted To review the year- to- date financial position for the Community Committee. The report was noted.							
C/25/1/7	To cons	sider matters related t	o grant applications r	eceived from:				
	1	Organisation Alpha Omega WPS		delegated to Officer and Chair	Amount £2500			
		RESOLVED:	subject to further in	nformation being sought.				

	2	Crewe Youth Club	The Mirion Street Project	
		South Cheshire		£2500
		Amateur Boxing RESOLVED:	That the decision is delegated to Officer and Chair subject to further information being sought.	
	3	Digital Arts Box	Luminate 3.0	£2500
		RESOLVED:	That the decision is delegated to Officer and Chair subject to further information being sought.	
	4	Crewe Men in Sheds	Lathe & laser Cutter	£2256
		RESOLVED:	To approve the application in full	
	5	Choose Your Story	The Domino Effect	£2500
		RESOLVED :	To approve the application in full	
	6	Crewe Creates	Creative Play at Crewe Creates	£2500
		RESOLVED:	To approve the application in full	
C/25/1/7.1		s for Leisure Grant Vari	•	
			is delegated to Officer and Chair subject to further in	formation
C/25/1/8	being s	0	nding to support South Cheshire CLASP	
0,20,2,0	-			
- / /- /-			is awarded in full for 1 year	
C/25/1/9	To prov	vide an update to mem	bers on the progress of the Business Delivery Plan 20	25-26.
	RESOL	VED: To approve the re	elocation of the Tree of Light service	
	The up	date was noted.		
C/25/1/10		e the proposed date eeting date was noted.	of the next meeting on Tuesday 15th July 2025 at	: 6pm.
Meeting closed: Clerk: J.Dow	6.50pm	-		

Clerk: J.Dov Chair: Cllr Dawn Clark Agenda item 5

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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 04/07/2025

Month No: 3

Committee Report

		Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
Commu	inity							
210	Civic Costs							
4999	Civic Expenses	1,049	2,500	1,451		1,451	42.0%	
	Civia Costa - Indiract Expanditura	1,049	2,500	1,451	0	1,451	42.0%	0
	Civic Costs :- Indirect Expenditure	1,049	2,500	1,451	U	1,451	42.0%	U
	Net Expenditure	(1,049)	(2,500)	(1,451)				
300	Grants							
4260	Grants Scheme	9,181	30,000	20,820		20,820	30.6%	2,440
	Grants :- Indirect Expenditure	9,181	30,000	20,820	0	20,820	30.6%	2,440
	Net Expenditure	(9,181)	(30,000)	(20,820)				
6001	plus Transfer From EM Reserves	2,440	0	(2,440)				
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(6,741)	(30,000)	(23,259)				
470								
470	Community	100						
4252	Remembrance	400	8,500	8,100		8,100	4.7%	
4730	Community Development Commiss	1,925	10,000	8,075		8,075	19.3%	
4731 4754	Sustaining Network Tree of Light	6,000 0	15,000 5,000	9,000 5,000		9,000 5,000	40.0% 0.0%	
	Health and Wellbeing	38,915	60,000	21,085		21,085	64.9%	
4101						21,000		
	Community :- Indirect Expenditure	47,240	98,500	51,260	0	51,260	48.0%	0
	Net Expenditure	(47,240)	(98,500)	(51,260)				
477	Libraries							
4291	Library Funding	0	39,973	39,973		39,973	0.0%	
	Libraries :- Indirect Expenditure	0	39,973	39,973	0	39,973	0.0%	0
	Net Expenditure	0	(39,973)	(39,973)				
	Community :- Income	0	0	0			0.0%	
	Expenditure	57,470	170,973	113,503	0	113,503	33.6%	
	Net Income over Expenditure	(57,470)	(170,973)	(113,503)	-	-, -		
	plus Transfer From EM Reserves	2,440	0	(2,440)				
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(55,030)	(170,973)	(115,943)				

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Month No: 3

Committee Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
Grand Totals:- Income	0	0	0			0.0%	
Expenditure	57,470	170,973	113,503	0	113,503	33.6%	
Net Income over Expenditure	(57,470)	(170,973)	(113,503)				
plus Transfer From EM Reserves	2,440	0	(2,440)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(55,030)	(170,973)	(115,943)				



Crewe Town Council Grant Application Summary

Crewe FC
Crewe Fc Community Hub
Yes
£ 2396.27
£10650.09
1000
Yes (2019) Funding of £1000 was awarded towards the costs of Representing Crewe in the Macon (France) invitation challenge
Yes
Additional information requested. Please see below:

Q: Have you already bought the Football equipment?

A: To confirm, the order for equipment has not yet been placed. We are waiting for a confirmed date to move into the new facility before doing so.

Q: Could our logo be displayed as a 'sponsored by'.

A: We will happily put a post across our social media platforms, along with an advertising board at the new facility, thanking CTC for their support (should the grant be successful).



Crewe Town Council Grants Scheme Application Form



Please read the Grants Scheme Guidance before starting your application as the information contained on this form will help us process your grant application form.

Contact Details

Name of Organisation:	С	Crewe FC					
Address of Organisation:		King George V Playing Fields					
West Street, Crewe, Cheshir		e Po	Postcode: CW1 2LL				
Name of Applicant: Steve Parker							
Position:	Position: Club Chairman						
Telephone Number:							
Email address:	info@crewefc.org.uk						
Website:	Cre	wefc.org.uk					
Facebook:	httı Clu	os://www.facebook.com/CreweFootbal b	ll Twitte	er:	https://x.com/crewefc		

About your organisation

	Voluntary, Community or Faith Sector Organisation \Box			
	Registered Charity 🗆			
	Social Enterprise 🗆			
	Community Interest Company 🗆			
What type of organisation are you?	Not-for-Profit Community Business 🗆			
	Community Amateur Sports Club 🗆			
	Unregistered Community Group 🗆			
	Club 🗆			
	Society 🗆			
Other, please state:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)			
What is your registered number (if you have one)	1175805			
Application date:	25/5/2025			
Project name:	Crewe FC Community Football			

Please tell us about your organisation, its aims and the work you undertake and any other organisations that you work with (in less than 200 words).

Crewe FC is a 3-star England Football Accredited Community Club. The club has a profound impact on people's lives through providing physical, mental and social benefits to hundreds of local families. The club is a well-respected part of the Crewe community, is a key delivery partner for Cheshire FA. The club is the designated Football Development Partner for Cheshire East Council. This will commence when the club moves into its new home at the King George V Playing Fields, Crewe. Moving to the new location will see the growth of the club from 464 playing members to 760 with a minimum of one team at every age group for boys and girls.

Crewe FC is a fully inclusive club providing organised football-based activities for all ages and the whole community. The area is characterised by low-income areas, high deprivation and is ethnically diverse. Working with Cheshire East Council, Cheshire FA and the Football Foundation, the club have raised the necessary match funding towards the cost of a new full-sized floodlit 3G pitch. The club are also funding the costs of all the new football equipment required for the 3G pitch and also to refurbish the existing changing rooms and create a brand-new Community Hub that is fully accessible to any community users / groups.

Please tell us why you need this funding? (in less than 200 words).

Providing the new football equipment for the 3G pitch will allow us to host lots more community based programmes that want to mix activity and social space to take place:

• Youth Club - in association with the Wishing Well project and other local organisations, the 3G FTP will host a youth club session. This would target teenagers to take part in informal physical activity, at a heavily discounted cost and have a safe indoor space available all-year round.

• Holiday Clubs - the club would work with local organisations to deliver football-based holiday camps for the local residents. The indoor Community Hub would help support this by providing a base camp and offer food as part of the offer. This could form part of the local HAF programme.

• Wishing Well Active Communities - use of the 3G FTP in conjunction with the active communities' programme, plus an additional indoor space to supplement their current needs in the adjacent building.

• A safe and secure meeting place and social space for hard-to-reach members of our community, community groups and bodies.

Details of Funding Requested

What is your activity / project called?

Crewe FC Community Hub

How will your project benefit the local community within the Crewe town boundary? Please see map: <u>Ward Map - Crewe Town Council</u>

What advantages will your project bring to the Crewe Community? (in less than 200 words)

Providing opportunities for all is fundamental to the work of Crewe FC. Part of our desire to relocate to larger facilities is so we can accommodate more teams from the hard-to-reach groups within our community. Having the whole club based from one venue will also create a sense of family and belonging for all our members. More players, more community groups means more equipment is needed. We work with many key local partners already but the inclusion of a 3G FTP would not only provide a venue for the club to train and play matches but would also allow the club to offer opportunities to the local footballing community. We intend to provide opportunities for 760 players & 67 teams in 2029 (up

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from 440 players & 34 teams in 2024). We are also lo¹⁰king to develop a range of multi-sport opportunities at the site as well, including Padel, Athletics, American Football and Tennis.

The equipment for the 3G pitch and new Community Hub will create safe spaces for clubs / groups to meet as well as parents to gather while their children are undertaking regular physical activity on the 3G pitch.

Please provide evidence that this project is needed.

ie Is there any duplication in Crewe? Is your organisation unique in its offering?

The Local Football Facilities Plan (LFFP) for Cheshire East identifies the need for 11 new 3G pitches and the refurbishment of 3 existing 3G pitches. The King George V Playing Fields facility is Football Foundation funded through the Lionesses Fund. This means it is one of only two in the whole of Cheshire with a priority for the development of women and girl's football. The plan also identifies potential projects to deliver new or refurbished changing facilities in Crewe.

The Crewe FC project meets all these demands as well as providing the safe and secure indoor Community Hub that the local community require. It will be the only facility of its type within the local area.

How many people within the Crewe Town boundary (both directly and indirectly) will benefit from your project?

1000

Please check this against the boundary map and evidence with postcodes.

How does this project meet Crewe Town Council's priorities in Crewe's Community Plan (in less than 200 words)? Please see guidance document.

New community football equipment and the creation of a Community Hub alongside the floodlit 3G pitch at King George V Playing Fields meets the following themes:

- Working to make a difference in the life of our communities and developing a combination of knowledge, skills, values and the motivation to be engaged in the place that they live – by providing opportunities and access to activities right on the hardest to reach communities doorsteps.
- 2. Opportunities, knowledge and skills to progress towards achieving and building the aspirations of young people by reducing anti-social behaviour and providing activities for young people.
- 3. Developing or increasing access to existing services and new initiatives focussed on health and well-being. To further the creation of safe spaces that are accessible to all members of the community.

It also supports the following:

- 1. Access to services at the heart of the community.
- 2. Increasing skills and learning through providing opportunities, training and support for volunteers.
- 3. Social isolation supporting the community to come together in a safe and secure place.
- 4. Health & well-being supporting and providing activities and projects that are focussed on health and well-being.

I have read the guidance document (tick box) \square

Project Costs and Finances – Please see example matrix in guidance document

What will Crewe Town Council funds be used to pay for?					
Item **	Total Costs (A)	Amount requested from Crewe Town Council (B)			
Net World Sports Community Football Equipment	£10,650.09				
	£	£			
	£	£			
Grand Totals	This figure should be at least 20% higher than the amount requested £10,650.09	£2396.27			

** Where possible, please provide any quotes and estimates if appropriate (ideally 3).

Match funding

Please let us have details about your **financial** match funding f**or this project** and tell us if it has been **secured**.

All applications must show a minimum of 20% match funding. We will not fund 100% of an application. This can be made up of a minimum of 10% in direct (ie cash/ financial) match funding and 10% in indirect match funding. Please see example matrix in guidance document.

Please tick if you have **direct** match funding

Please tick if you have **indirect** match funding

If any contributions have been secured by other funders, please write "secured" next to the funder's name. Please evidence this.

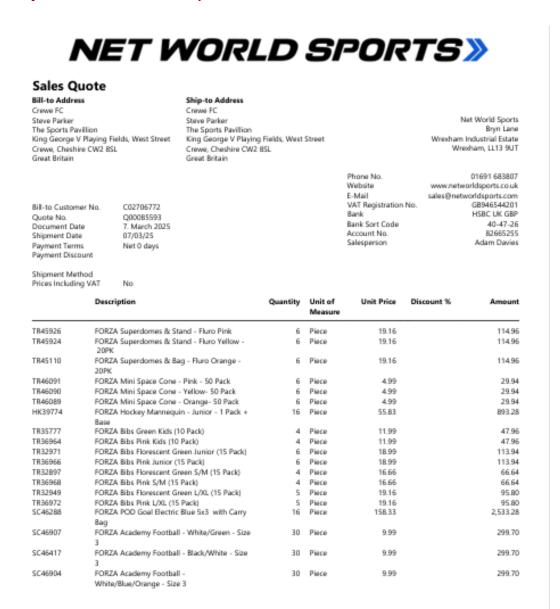
Who else have you approached for funding for this activity / project? Please only list details of funding for this project				
Direct Match funding Contribution requested from:	Total			
Crewe FC	£8,253.82			
Indirect Match funding (ie volunteer value, free room hire etc) Please see guidance document	£0			

Have you previously applied for grant funding from Crewe Town Council?	Yes	
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If you were successful, please tell us briefly what was funded.

We were granted £1000 in 2019 towards the costs of representing Crewe in the Macon Invitation Challenge in France

Examples Provided below;





Sales Quote

Bill-to Address Crewe FC Steve Parker The Sports Pavillion King George V Playing Fields, West Street Crewe, Cheshire CW2 BSL Great Britain

Ship-to Address Crewe FC Steve Parker The Sports Pavilion King George V Playing Fields, West Street Crewe, Cheshire CW2 BSL Great Britain

Net World Sports Bryn Lane Wresham Industrial Estate Wresham, LL13 9UT

Phone No. 01691 683807 Website www.networldsports.co.uk E-Mail sales@networldsports.com VAT Registration No. GB946544201 Bank HSBC UK GBP Bank Sort Code 40-47-26 82665255 Account No. Salesperson Adam Davies

Bill-to Customer No. Quote No. Document Date Shipment Date C02706772 Q00085593 7. March 2025 07/03/25 Payment Terms Payment Discount Net 0 days

Shipment Method No

Prices Including VAT

	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price Di	scount %	Amount
SC46908	FORZA Academy Football - White/Green - Size 4	30	Piece	9.99		299.70
SC46418	FORZA Academy Football - Black/White - Size 4	30	Piece	9.99		299.70
SC46905	FORZA Academy Football - White/Blue/Orange - Size 4	30	Piece	9.99		299.70
SC46899	FORZA Academy Football - Blue/White - Size 4	30	Piece	9.99		299.70
SC46909	FORZA Academy Football - White/Green - Size 5	30	Piece	9.99		299.70
SC45419	FORZA Academy Football - Black/White - Size S	30	Piece	9.99		299.70
SC46906	FORZA Academy Football - White/Blue/Orange - Size 5	30	Piece	9.99		299.70
SC46900	FORZA Academy Football - Blue/White - Size 5	30	Piece	9.99		299.70
SC46903	FORZA Academy Football - Pink/White - Size 5	30	Piece	9.99		299.70
SC46416	FORZA Academy Football - Multi Colour - Size 5	30	Piece	9.99		299.70
AC45480	FORZA Mesh Ball Backpack	32	Piece	7.49		239.68
SC45827	FORZA Jumbo Ball Carry Bag	4	Piece	8.33		33.32
SHIPPING	Shipping Charges	1	Piece	250.00		250.00
				Subtotal GBP (E	xcl. VAT)	8,929.04

VAT Amount	1,721.05
Total GBP (Incl. VAT)	10,650.09

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Sales Quote

Bill-to Customer No.

Quote No. Document Date Shipment Date

Payment Terms

Payment Discount Shipment Method Prices Including VAT

Bill-to Address Crewe FC Steve Parker The Sports Pavillion King George V Playing Fields, West Street Crewe, Cheshire CW2 8SL Great Britain

C02706772

Q00085593

07/03/25

Net 0 days

No

7. March 2025

Ship-to Address

Crewe FC Steve Parker The Sports Pavillion King George V Playing Fields, West Street Crewe, Cheshire CW2 BSL Great Britain

Net World Sports Bryn Lane Wresham Industrial Estate Wresham, LL13 9UT

Phone No. 01691 683807 www.networkdsports.co.uk Website E-Mail sales@networldsports.com VAT Registration No. GB946544201 HSBC UK GBP Bank Sort Code 40-47-26 82665255 Account No. Salesperson Adam Davies

Bank

VAT Amount Specification

VAT Identifier	VAT %	Line Amount	Invoice Discount Base Amount	Invoice Discount Amount	VAT Base	VAT Amount
NO VAT UK GOODS	0 20	323.80 8,605.24	323.80 8,605.24	0.00 0.00	323.80 8,605.24	0.00 1,721.05
Total	_	8,929.04	8,929.04	0.00	8,929.04	1,721.05

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Declaration

I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation.

I certify that the information contained in this application is correct. If the information in the application changes, I will inform Crewe Town Council as soon as possible.

I give permission for Crewe Town Council to retain this information electronically. The information in this form will be used for the administration of grant applications and for statistical analysis.

I also give permission for Crewe Town Council to contact my organisation by phone, mail or email with information from time to time.

Data protection: Please ensure that you read this section before submitting your application. Part or all of the information you supply to us will be held on our IT system. This information will be used for the administration of grant applications and for statistical analysis.

Copies of your application, but with personal details redacted, will be provided at the relevant council meeting for consideration of awarding the grant.

For transparency purposes, information about successful grant applications is added to our website and made available to the local press. The press may request contact details of someone able to provide additional information.

Signed:		Date:	18.4.25
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Checklist - Very important!

Please enclose the following with your application. Applications will not be processed until all information has been received:

Latest annual accounts 🖂	Governing document 🛛	Copy of a bank statement less than three months old
Policy documents 🖂 (if applicable)	Copies of written estimates $igtlesigned$	

Please send your completed application (preferably by email) to :

grants@crewetowncouncil.gov.uk

or by post to:-

Grants Scheme, Crewe Town Council, 1 Chantry Court, Forge Street, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 2DL

Deadlines for submissions are midnight on:

Sunday	27.04.25
Sunday	15.06.25
Sunday	07.09.25
Sunday	21.12.25
Sunday	08.02.26

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Crewe Town Council Grant Application Summary

Applicant Organisation:	Alpha Omega WPS Foundation
Activity / Project Name:	Empowering Women & Girls Together
Have all documents been supplied:	Yes
Sum applied for:	£2500
Project total:	£5125
Who will benefit from this funding:	90/100 women directly 200 indirectly
Previous grant holder? When?	Yes 2023 – Safety Inside out hub (Wellbeing sessions)
Match funding detailed:	Yes
Chair & Officer observations:	Not recommended for approval due to another project still running Evaluation not due until September.

The funding decision was delegated to Chair and Officer from the Committee Meeting on 28th May subject to more information being requested. The information below was supplied:

Will the staff changes within your organisation impact the project delivery? Please can you let us have the following information:

- Q: Who will be managing / delivering the project
- Q: Amaka and Aleks [admin] will be in charge of managing and delivering all projects within the organisation.
- Q: The funding requested is for 12 months when do you anticipate the project starting? Please confirm a time frame.
- A: Delivery will commence September 2025.
- Q: Members would like to be sure that the money they are committing will benefit **only** women living within the Crewe Town boundary (map attached).

Please can you breakdown the figure quoted 90/100 women into postcodes (only the first 3 digits are necessary (ie CW1 = 30 / CW2 = 70)



Crewe Town Council Grant Application Summary

A: In response to your query regarding postcodes: while the figures provided are estimates, we anticipate the breakdown to be approximately CW1 = 45/50 and CW2 = 45/50. I would also like to confirm that the funds awarded will only benefit women living within the Crewe Town boundary.

Q: Please can you provide proof of Direct Match Funding. You state it is coming from your own funds. Are these set aside as a reserve or have you received other funding? How has it been raised? Please be as specific as possible.

A: Regarding the proof of Direct Match Funding: the funds were raised through our dedicated fundraising events, including the Christmas Ball and Charity Walk.

Chair and Officer felt that, because the project isn't due to start until September, it should revert back to this Committee for decision.

Note:

A separate project was funded from the **Wellbeing** budget in July 24 – 'Empower Her' workshops that were due to start in the first quarter of this year. The project was delayed for operational reasons. We have had a project extension request from Amaka Lawton. The sessions will now complete in September 2025. Full evaluation will be provided at the Committee meeting due to be held in October



Crewe Town Council Grants Scheme Application Form



Please read the Grants Scheme Guidance before starting your application as the information contained on this form will help us process your grant application form.

Contact Details

Name of Organisation:	THE ALPHA-OMEGA WOMEN	PEACE AND SECURI	TY (WPS) FOUNDATION
Address of Organisation	: Unit 10 Coppicemere Drive	e, Crewe	
		Postcode:	CW1 6HY

Name of Applicant:	Katarzyna Junory-Lusar		
Position:	Operational Manager		
Telephone Number:	07845204776		
Email address:	Admin@alphaomegawpsfoundation.com		
Website:	Alphaomegawpsfoundation.com		
Facebook:	alphaomegaWPS	Twitter:	alphaomegaWPS

About your organisation

	Voluntary, Community or Faith Sector Organisation 🗆
	Registered Charity
	Social Enterprise
	Community Interest Company
What type of organisation are you?	Not-for-Profit Community Business
	Community Amateur Sports Club
	Unregistered Community Group
	Club 🗀
	Society 🗆
Other, please state:	Not-for-Profit Private Limited Company by guarantee without share capital use of 'Limited' exemption
What is your registered number (if you have one)	13642437
Application date:	
Project name:	Connect & Protect: Empowering Women and Girls Together

Please read the guidance document before completing this application. I have read the guidance document (please check the box)

Please tell us about your organisation, its aims and the work you undertake and any other organisations that you work with (in less than 200 words).

The Alpha Omega WPS Foundation is dedicated to empowering women by providing equitable access to resources and addressing systemic oppression, misogyny, and racism. Our strategy is built around the 3 P's: **Protection**, **Prevention**, and **Participation**, which work together to create a holistic approach to improving women's lives and fostering a supportive community.

- **Protection**: We offer free outreach services, counselling, self-defence classes for women, and wellbeing events to help manage stress and promote overall mental health.
- Prevention: We aim to prevent abuse by providing free English lessons for EAL women and Maths & English Buddy Programmes for EAL children at Leighton Academy, ensuring a brighter future for both women and children.
- Participation: We actively engage with the community through initiatives like the Taxi Rank Marshall program, WPS Nantwich Street Angels, and quarterly Community Security Meetings focused on women's safety and well-being.

Additionally, we are deeply committed to **connecting people**. By fostering networks, supporting collaboration, and creating spaces for dialogue, we help build stronger, more connected communities. Our foundation ensures that every woman is not only supported but also empowered through meaningful connections, creating a network of support and safety that extends far beyond individual programs.

Please tell us why you need this funding? (in less than 200 words).

Our **Connect & Protect: Empowering Women and Girls Together** initiative is a unique and pioneering project composed of two impactful modules aimed at empowering women and girls in our community. The **first module** focuses on **self-defence**, offering two comprehensive courses designed to provide essential skills for physical and mental protection. These courses, available to girls aged 11+ and women in the Crewe area, aim to equip participants with the confidence and techniques to protect themselves in various situations. By addressing the growing concerns around personal safety, this module will enhance participants' sense of security and self-esteem.

The **second module** provides a **safe space for women to connect**, where they can dance, move, recharge, and create supportive circles of empowerment. These spaces will offer women a chance to relax, build community, and engage in healing activities, fostering mental well-being and a sense of belonging.

Our project seeks funding to establish these free courses and safe spaces, ensuring a holistic approach to the empowerment and safety of women and girls in the region. By supporting this initiative, you will contribute to both the physical and emotional well-being of participants, creating a stronger, safer community for all.

Connect & Protect: Empowering Women and Girls Together
community within the Crewe town boundary? Please see

What advantages will your project bring to the Crewe Community? (in less than 200 words)

Please ensure that you enclose all your supporting documents - please see checklist on the last page -

Our **Connect & Protect: Empowering Women and Girls Together** project will bring significant benefits to the Crewe community by addressing personal safety, emotional well-being, and promoting diversity, inclusion, and equality for women.

Connect & Protect: Empowering Women and Girls Together is a transformative project that includes two key components: first, a **self-defence course** designed to equip women and girls with essential skills for personal safety, and second, **sessions focused on creating safe spaces** where women can connect, build support networks, and feel empowered within their community.

2 self-defence courses will empower local women and girls by equipping them with essential skills to protect themselves, boosting their confidence and sense of security. These courses are designed to be accessible to women from diverse backgrounds, ensuring that all women—regardless of their ethnicity, culture, or socio-economic status—can participate. This initiative fosters an inclusive environment where every woman feels valued and supported.

30 Sessions, 75 Minutes Each (e.g., Bootcamps for every body, Yoga, and Dance) will create safe spaces for connection, fostering a deeper sense of belonging within the community. These sessions offer women the opportunity to come together to dance, move, recharge, and build supportive networks. Each session is designed to encourage engagement in meaningful activities that promote mental wellbeing and social cohesion, offering women from all walks of life a chance to connect and grow. Through these sessions, we aim to empower women, enhance their sense of community, and support personal development in a safe, inclusive space.

The rising cost of living crisis underscores the urgent need for these sessions, as women increasingly face economic and social challenges. By prioritising diversity, inclusion, and equality, this project aims to foster a stronger, more unified Crewe, where women from all backgrounds feel empowered, heard, and respected. Ultimately, this initiative will contribute to the development of a safer, more inclusive community, where women and girls can thrive equally, supported by both one another and the community as a whole.

Please provide evidence that this project is needed.

ie Is there any duplication in Crewe? Is your organisation unique in its offering?

The need to empower girls and women with free self-defence courses has never been more critical, given the high rates of abuse towards women in the UK.

Our recent **women's security survey** for Crewe involving 115 participants, confirmed the demand for such courses, with all respondents emphasising the importance of self-defence training. This strong response, alongside evaluations of previous successful courses, highlights the need for free self-defence training to enhance women's safety and well-being in our community.

These courses aim not only to raise awareness about personal safety but also to provide more than just physical techniques. They help women recognise and avoid risky situations while building confidence and resilience. Self-defence training also fosters a sense of community, as women come together to learn, create supportive networks, and encourage others to take charge of their safety.

Public feedback from our courses and survey further supports this need, with comments such as:

- "In Crewe, we no longer feel safe, even during the brightest days. Women and girls deserve the skills and knowledge to protect themselves. A free self-defence course will empower us to regain our sense of security."
- "The rising fears in Crewe have left us vulnerable, even in daylight. We need access to self-defence education to build confidence and safety. It's time to empower women and girls with the tools to protect themselves."
- "The sense of safety in Crewe is fading, and we are left unprotected. A self-defence course will equip women and girls with vital skills. It's crucial that we invest in education and empowerment to ensure our security."
- "It's essential for women to feel safe and confident in their daily lives. By supporting self-defence initiatives, women in Crewe will have the tools to protect themselves."
- "Self-defence courses will provide women and girls with the tools they need to protect themselves. Women and girls in Crewe want to live without fear."
- "Empowering women through self-defence will be a proactive step towards reducing violence. We
 need your support to help women in Crewe gain the confidence and skills to stay safe."
- "Teaching self-defence raises awareness of potential dangers and equips you with skills for life. I
 hope you will be able to offer women in Crewe the opportunity to be empowered and protected."
- "These courses help women recognise and avoid risky situations. Women and girls in Crewe need to be provided the education and skills they deserve."
- "Empowering women with self-defence is about instilling confidence and resilience, supporting women and girls can make a real difference in ensuring women in Crewe feel safe and capable."

In addition to the survey for self-defence courses, we conducted a follow-up survey to assess the need for a **safe space** for British and diverse women to connect. Feedback revealed that women from various cultural backgrounds expressed a strong desire for spaces that embrace their variety of cultures and provide opportunities to connect with others. Comments included:

- "We need a space where we can feel comfortable and supported, regardless of our background. The rising cost of living is crippling us, leaving many women unable to afford the resources to care for their health or connect with the community."
- "A safe space allows us to share our experiences and learn from one another. The financial pressures of the cost-of-living crisis are taking a toll on our mental well-being, making it harder to find the support we need."

- "It's important to have a space where all women feel accepted and understood. With the current
 economic strain, many women can't afford the time or resources to prioritise their health or engage
 with others in the community."
- "In times of crisis, we need spaces that empower us to connect, learn, and heal. The cost-of-living crisis is leaving many women feeling isolated and unsupported, with little opportunity to focus on their mental health."
- "The current financial challenges are affecting more than just our wallets they're impacting our mental health, too. We need safe spaces where women can connect without worrying about the burden of rising costs."
- "The escalating cost of living is creating barriers that prevent women from accessing vital health and community services. Now, more than ever, we need spaces where women can feel supported, regain strength, and build meaningful connections."

These findings confirm the urgent need for safe spaces that promote diversity, inclusion, and community support, creating an environment where women from all walks of life can connect, recharge, and feel empowered.

How many people within the Crewe Town boundary (both directly and	At least 90/100 –
indirectly) will benefit from your project?	directly and 200
Please check this against the boundary map and evidence with postcodes.	indirectly

How does this project meet Crewe Town Council's priorities in *Crewe's Community Plan* (in less than 200 words)? Please see guidance document.

Our **Connect & Protect: Empowering Women and Girls Together** project directly aligns with Crewe Town Council's priorities outlined in the Crewe Community Plan, particularly in promoting safety, wellbeing, inclusion, and community cohesion.

The project addresses women's safety and empowerment, which is a key priority in the community plan. By offering free self-defence courses, we provide women and girls with essential skills to protect themselves, boosting their confidence and enhancing their sense of security. This aligns with the plan's objective to make Crewe a safer place for all its residents.

Additionally, the project fosters community participation by creating safe spaces for women to connect, share experiences, and build support networks. This promotes social inclusion, ensuring women from diverse backgrounds feel heard, valued, and empowered, in line with the plan's goal of fostering community spirit and inclusivity.

Our focus on diversity, equality, and well-being ensures the project addresses the varied needs of the community, helping women from all walks of life. By strengthening personal safety and promoting positive community connections, the project contributes to a more resilient, supportive, and thriving Crewe, aligning closely with the Town Council's vision for a safer, inclusive, and connected community.

I have read the guidance document (tick box)

Project Costs and Finances – Please see example matrix in guidance document

How much is the overall cost of your activity / project? £5125

Please ensure that you enclose all your supporting docuzzients - please see checklist on the last page -

Please detail (in section A) all associated costs. 23				
What will Crewe Town Council funds be used to pay for?				
Item **	Total Costs (A)	Amount requested from Crewe Town Council (B)		
Self Defence Courses – trainers' fees - two courses, 15 hours total	£1000	£1000		
Safe -space to connect, 30 sessions filled with movement, dance, and connection (trainers' fees)	£1500	£1500		
Rental	£1275	£0		
Admin, Marketing & Reporting	£1350	£0		
Grand Totals	This figure should be at least 20% higher than the amount requested	£2500		

** Where possible, please provide any quotes and estimates if appropriate (ideally 3).

£5125

Match funding

Please let us have details about your financial match funding for this project and tell us if it has been secured.

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Please tick if you have direct match funding \bowtie Please tick if you have **indirect** match funding 🛛

If any contributions have been secured by other funders, please write "secured" next to the funder's name. Please evidence this.

Who else have you approached for funding for this activity / project? Please only list details of funding for this project		
Direct Match funding Contribution requested from:	Total: £2625	
Rental – our funds	£1275	
Admin, Marketing & Reporting – our funds	£1350	

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Indirect Match funding (ie volum guidance document	teer value, free room hire etc) Please see		
ave you previously applied	for grant funding from an		
are you previously applied	for grant funding from Crewe Town Council?	Yes	No
f Yes, when did you apply?	2023		

If you were successful, please tell us briefly what was funded.

Yes - you funded safe spaces for women, offering yoga and relaxation sessions designed to improve both physical and mental health. These spaces were created to support British and diverse women, providing a welcoming environment where they could come together, unwind, and connect. By offering a space that embraced a variety of cultures, we aimed to promote well-being, reduce stress, and foster a sense of community among women from all backgrounds. These safe spaces encouraged women to build supportive networks, share experiences, and empower one another in a relaxed, safe, and inclusive setting.

Declaration

I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation.

I certify that the information contained in this application is correct. If the information in the application changes, I will inform Crewe Town Council as soon as possible.

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	Signed:			D	ate:	04/04/25	
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Checklist - Very important!

Please enclose the following with your application. Applications will not be processed until all information has been received:

Latest annual accounts 🛛	Governing document	Copy of a bank statement less than three months old
Policy documents (if applicable)	Copies of written estimates	

Please send your completed application (preferably by email) to

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Deadlines for submissions are midnight on:

Sunday27.04.25Sunday15.06.25Sunday07.09.25Sunday21.12.25Sunday08.02.26



Crewe Town Council Grant Application Summary

Applicant Organisation:	Hope Church
Activity / Project Name:	Hope Tots
Have all documents been supplied:	Yes
Sum applied for:	£2465
Project total:	£5204.46
Who will benefit from this funding:	100
Previous grant holder? When?	Yes (January 2022)
Match funding detailed:	Yes
Dep Chair & Officer observations:	Recommended for approval



Crewe Town Council Grants Scheme Application Form



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Contact Details

Name of Organisation:	Hope Church Crewe		
Address of Organisation	24 Catherine Street		
Crewe		Postcode:	CW2 6HD

Name of Applicant:	Maxine Lamens	
Position:	Leadership team	
Telephone Number:	07970068437	
Email address:	maxinekant@hotmail.co.uk	
Website:	www.hopechurchcrewe.com	
Facebook:	Hope church crewe	Twitter:

About your organisation

	Voluntary, Community or Faith Sector Organisation 🛛	
	Registered Charity 🖂	
	Social Enterprise 🗆	
	Community Interest Company 🗆	
What type of organisation are you?	Not-for-Profit Community Business 🛛	
	Community Amateur Sports Club 🗆	
	Unregistered Community Group 🗆	
	Club 🗆	
	Society 🗆	
Other, please state:		
What is your registered number (if you have one)	Charity number 1145555	
Application date:	13/06/2025	
Project name:	Hope Tots	

Please ensure that you enclose all your supporting documents – please see **checklist** on the last page – Partially completed applications will not be considered.

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Please read the guidance document before completing this application. I have read the guidance document (please check the box) $\hfill\square$

Please tell us about your organisation, its aims and the work you undertake and any other organisations that you work with (in less than 200 words).

Hope Church is a busy Church based in the South of Crewe. Our aim is to love people. In all we do we aim to provide help and support, create community where there isn't any, give people a hope, purpose and reduce social isolation. We run a café for asylum seekers Wednesday mornings. They have access to food, clothing, English lessons, support with form filling and phone calls. We have a pop up community coffee shop once a week on Friday selling reasonably priced coffee and homemade cakes, second hand clothing and books. It's a warm welcoming space for anyone to come in, meet people and chat. We have food delivers various nights of the week to support families that are in need of a food parcel. At our building on Derrington Avenue we work with WPS who run various classes including English lessons and driving theory test classes.

Please tell us why you need this funding? (in less than 200 words).

We have recently signed a lease on the old Territorial Army Building on Myrtle street. Work is underway to renovate the building. In September we plan to launch a community grocery, charity shop, café and a toddler group. It is for the toddler group we are seeking funding. Due to starting from scratch we have no toys, no tables chairs, craft equipment. We would like to purchase some things to be able to get the group started.

Details of Funding Requested

What is your activity / project called?

Hope Tots

How will your project benefit the local community within the Crewe town boundary? Please see map: Ward Map - Crewe Town Council

What advantages will your project bring to the Crewe Community? (in less than 200 words)

It will be a place people in Crewe people can come with their toddlers and babies. It will be open to everyone who has care for a child under 5. A toddler group will benefit the local community by providing a safe and stimulating environment for children to play and learn, as well as offering a valuable support network for parents and caregivers. It will foster a sense of community by being a loving caring, supportive, encouraging place. It will help children develop social skills, and provide opportunities for parents to connect and share experiences.

As part of a larger community provision by being housed in the TA building it will be a great way for people to access different services. All being under one roof will mean that people using the toddler group can also use the café, community grocery and charity shop. All of which will be affordable and open to all and will broaden the opportunities for creating community.

Please provide evidence that this project is needed. ie Is there any duplication in Crewe? Is your organisation unique in its offering?

Until recently I worked at a toddler group held at west street Church called 5 minus. Whilst there I saw the vital part toddler groups played in peoples lives. The toddler group was at capacity, often having to turn people away as it was full. We regularly had over 40 children attending sessions, and the same amount of adults. It would be so great to start a similar style group in a different part of Crewe and to be able to offer afternoon sessions too, something which is not currently offered at any toddler groups.

We know from the indices of deprivation that the TA building is in an area of high deprivation, high rental properties and high ethnic minorities. There is a need for a community provision where people can meet together and access services. Three streets away there is a soft play centre which can often price out many of our local families.

How does this project meet Crewe Town Council's priorities in Crewe's Community Plan (in less than 200 words)? Please see guidance document.

It will reduce social isolation.

Toddler groups are inclusive of everyone, it doesn't matter what job you have, what nationality you are, what your family situation is. When you have a child you are all in the same position and when brought together can help advise, support and encourage each other. Toddler groups are a fantastic way of bringing people together at a time that can be lonely and isolating. They create a loving community of support, provide opportunity for people to develop friendships in a place of trust, care and respect. They are an environment where children learn how to interact with others, develop communication skills, gain resilience, grown in curiosity all through, playing, creating and having fun. They start to prepare children for school.

I have read the guidance document (tick box) \square

Project Costs and Finances – Please see example matrix in guidance document

How much is the overall cost of your activity / project? Please detail (in section A) all associated costs.

What will Crewe Town Council funds be used to pay for?

For equipment to be able to open and run a toddler group

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ltem **	30 Total Costs (A)	Amount requested from Crewe Town Council (B)
Toys and play equipment	£800	£800
Practical equipment: Plastic children's plates and cups, high chairs, potties, changing table, changing mat, step stool for sinks, sand timers.	£290	£290
Craft materials	£125	£125
Mats for the floor	£500	£400
Tuff tray and stand	£50	£50
4 x toddler tables	£700	£400
20 toddler chairs	£712	£400
Childrens worker	£7142.85	£0
Grand Totals	This figure should be at least 20% higher than the amount requested £12,347.31	£2465

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Who else have you approached for funding for this activity / project? Please only list details of funding for this project		
Direct Match funding Contribution requested from:	Total	
Hope Church gift day for equipment	£2739.46	
Hope church will pay a member of staff 15 hours per week for 39 weeks of the year	£7142.85	
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Yes, when did you apply?	I think it was January 2022.					
If you were successful, please tell us briefly what was funded.						
ope café that provides suppo	ort for asylum seekers					

No

Have you previously applied for grant funding from Crewe Town Council? Yes

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Signed:	Maxine Lamens	Date:	12.06.25
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Task	Estimated cost	Supplier / tradesman	Actual Cost
Large Equipment			
Children of the world rug round	£ 129.99	Amazon (The good rug Company)	
Large Small Kids Childrens Circle			
Circular Play Rugs Educational School			
Nursery (01A, 200cm Circle)	£ 64.98	Amazon(rugs supermarket) 01A	
Construction rug	£ 23.99	The good rug Company	
Rectangular premium nursery table x4 £178	£ 712.00	Hope Education/tts	
Postura chair x 20 £39.50 £790	£ 790.00	TTS	
Hille Series E shell chair x20 £35	£ 700.00	TTS	
Practical equipment			
Sand timers	£ 20.00	Amazon	
mug (childrens cup) pack of 6 £1	£ 10.00	KALAS IKEA	x10
Plate pack of 6 £1	£ 10.00	KALAS IKEA	x10
Beakers £1.99 x50	£ 100.00	tommy tippee	x50
spoon 4 pack 50p	£ 4.50	KALAS IKEA	x15
high chair x4 £15	£ 60.00	IKEA	
potty x3 £8.50	£ 25.50	IKEA	
toilet seat x3 £7.50	£ 22.20	IKEA	
stool x3 £5	£ 15.00	IKEA	
changing table	£ 39.00	IKEA	
Role play			
Role play house	£ 467.99	Hope education	
kitchen (grey)	£ 65.00	SILLTRUT IKEA	
14 piece veg set	£ 6.00	DUKTIG IKEA	
6 piece cinnamon bun	£ 7.00	DUKTIG IKEA	
12 piece shopping basket	£ 12.00	LATSAS Ikea	

24 piece pizza set		DUKTIG IKEA
Biscuit box		Big Jigs toys
Muffin tray		Big Jigs toys
pots and pans	£ 25.99	Big Jigs toys
COSTWAY pretend play grocery store	£ 109.95	B&Q
Cupboard groceries	£ 23.99	Big Jigs toys
Chilled Groceries	£ 23.99	Big Jigs toys
Eggs in a carton	£ 8.99	Big Jigs toys
Jams and spreads	£ 13.99	Big Jigs toys
Wooden shopping trolley x2	£ 80.00	John Lewis
basket Theo Klein x3	£ 18.00	Amazon
Foam bricks	£ 93.00	TTS
Flower cushions	£ 9.00	SKOGSDUVA IKEA
soft toy bumble bee 21cm large	£ 5.00	SKOGSDUVA IKEA
soft toy bumble bee 8cm small x3	£ 6.00	
dollies £8 each x4	£ 32.00	ALDI
Physical		
Soft toy foot ball	£ 4.50	SPARKA IKEA
soft toy ball blue red	£ 3.00	SPARKA IKEA
play tunnel	£ 15.00	DUVARGMAS IKEA
Green tent	£ 12.00	DVARGMAS IKEA
Sensory		
Tuff tray and stand	£ 49.99	B&Q
Sensory Table	£ 479.99	Hope Education
gowi spinner	£ 29.99	Big Jigs toys
Bilibo sensory spinner	£ 24.99	Educational toys
Small world		
Multicultural dolls black	£ 16.99	Big Jigs toys
Family of dolls white		Big Jigs toys

dolls house wall shelf	£ 35.0	0 FLISAT IKEA
Dolls house furniture living rooom	£ 17.0	0 HUSET IKEA
Dolls house furniture bedrooom	£ 17.0	0 HUSET IKEA
Fine motor		
Rainbow sensory shapes	£ 32.5	0 Big Jigs toys
Themed		
wooden ride on boat	£ 95.0	0 HAPE
Soft toy octopus	£ 19.0	0 BLAVINGAD IKEA
soft toy whale	£ 25.0	0 BLAVINGAD IKEA
Craft		
Paint x12	£ 12.0	0 Hobby craft
Paint brushes x5	£ 5.0	0 hobby craft
paint pots with lids x10	£ 9.0	0 Amazon
glue spreaders x4	£ 4.0	0 hobby craft
card white 250 sheets	£ 13.0	0 Hobby craft
card coloured 40 sheets	£ 7.0	0 Hobby craft
paper white A3 20 sheets	£ 3.0	0 Hobby craft
paper coloured 24	£ 6.0	0 Hobby craft
cellotape	£ 3.0	0 The works
PVA glue 1ltr	£ 4.0	0 The Works
glue stick 2 pack £1 x5	£ 5.0	0
stickers	£ 10.0	0 works/hobbycraft
pipe cleaners pack 40 x4 £1	£ 4.0	0 The Works
feathers assorted £1 x4	£ 4.0	0 The Works
pom poms 5cm 25 pack x2 £3	£ 6.0	0 Hobby craft
craft trays 3 pack x2	£ 6.0	0 The Works
soft wood easel	£ 22.0	0 MALA IKEA
Coloured chalks	£ 1.5	0 MALA IKEA
Baby area		

Froopi wheeled storage box	£	23.99	B&Q	
Quiet area				
Book shelf	£	20.00	FLISAT IKEA	
Circus tent	£	17.00	CIRKUSTALT IKEA	
Kinder colour spot place mat carpet	£	345.00	cost cutters uk	
Total cost	£	5,204.46		



Crewe Town Council Grant Application Summary

Air Cadet's Crewe 95 Squadron		
Promotional Event Equipment		
Yes		
£1166		
1457.20		
Thousands		
Yes – 2019 Squadron Banner		
Yes		
Recommended for approval		

If approved request our logo on the gazebo as a condition of the funding



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Contact Details

Name of Organisation:	95 Crewe Sqn (Air Cadets)	
Address of Organisation	Lime Tree Avenue, Crewe, Chesire	

Postcode: CW1 4JA

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Name of Applicant:	FLt Lt Lloyd			
Position:	Officer Commanding	Officer Commanding		
Telephone Number:				
Email address:	Oc.95@rafac.mod.gov.uk			
Website:	n/a			
Facebook:	95 (Crewe) squadron Air Training Corps	Twitter:	n/a	

About your organisation

	Voluntary, Community or Faith Sector Organisation 🏾
	Registered Charity 🖂
	Social Enterprise 🗆
	Community Interest Company 🗆
What type of organisation are you?	Not-for-Profit Community Business 🛛
	Community Amateur Sports Club 🗆
	Unregistered Community Group 🗆
	Club 🗆
	Society \Box
Other, please state:	
What is your registered number (if you have one)	
Application date:	29/01/2025
Project name:	Promotional Event Equipment

Please tell us about your organisation, its aims and the work you undertake and any other organisations that you work with (in less than 200 words).

Established in 1939 as an Air Defence Cadet Corps squadron, 95 (Crewe) Squadron is one of the oldest units in the Air Training Corps and among the longest-standing youth organisations for young people aged 12–17 in the Crewe area. We offer a diverse range of activities, including flying, gliding, adventure training, sports, and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, providing cadets with opportunities to develop confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. Our training programmes are designed to be both challenging and enjoyable, ensuring cadets gain valuable experiences that benefit their personal development and future careers. We are proud of our history and continue to uphold the traditions of the Royal Air Force while embracing modern, dynamic approaches to youth development.

We work closely with other charities, Crewe Town Council, and various community groups to support events and contribute positively to the town's civic and cultural activities. Our cadets regularly participate in key events such as the annual Remembrance Parade, Armed Forces Day, and the Wheels of War event, honouring Crewe's military heritage and facilitating strong connections with veterans and the wider community. Our squadron has been a pillar of the Crewe community since 1939, and we remain committed to inspiring and empowering young people through high-quality training and experiences.

Please tell us why you need this funding? (in less than 200 words).

We seek funding to acquire essential promotional and event equipment, including a gazebo and display materials, to enhance our outreach and visibility within Crewe. Currently, we lack the necessary resources to effectively participate in outdoor community events, limiting our ability to engage with the public, recruit new members, and promote our volunteering opportunities.

At present, we often have to borrow equipment from other organisations, which is not always guaranteed. This can lead to last-minute cancellations or difficulties in maintaining a consistent presence at key events. Without our own dedicated resources, we risk missing valuable opportunities to showcase the squadron, connect with the community, and attract new cadets and supporters.

A branded gazebo and promotional flags will provide a professional and identifiable presence at public events, allowing us to showcase our activities, engage with prospective cadets and volunteers, and offer an outdoor classroom for educational demonstrations. This investment will significantly strengthen our ability to sustain and grow our cadet numbers, ensuring the continued success of our squadron and its contribution to the local community.

Details of Funding Requested

What is your activity / project called? Promotional Event Equipment

How will your project benefit the local community within the Crewe town boundary? Please see map: <u>Ward Map - Crewe Town Council</u>

What advantages will your project bring to the Crewe Community? (in less than 200 words) The project will:

• Ensure the long-term viability of 95 Crewe Sqn by enhancing recruitment and community engagement.

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- Create a focal point at public events, making it easier for the public to interact with and learn about our organisation.
- Provide an outdoor space for education and skills training, including aviation-related workshops.
- Encourage youth participation in structured, disciplined activities that promote personal development, resilience, and leadership.

Support local events run by Crewe Town Council and other organisations by offering an engaging and structured youth presence.

Please provide evidence that this project is needed.

ie Is there any duplication in Crewe? Is your organisation unique in its offering?

There is no duplication of this project in Crewe, as it specifically addresses the promotional and recruitment needs of our squadron. Without this investment, our visibility will remain limited, impacting our ability to sustain membership levels and continue providing opportunities for young people. Thousands of local young people aged 12–17 from the CW postcode area stand to benefit directly or indirectly from our continued presence and outreach efforts.

How many people within the Crewe Town boundary (both directly and indirectly) will benefit from your project?

Please check this against the boundary map and evidence with postcodes.

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How does this project meet Crewe Town Council's priorities in Crewe's Community Plan (in less than 200 words)? Please see guidance document.

I have read the guidance document (tick box) \square

Our project strongly aligns with Crewe Town Coun⁴¹li's priorities, contributing to the development of young people and fostering a culture of volunteering within the community.

- Building resilience and aspirations for young people We provide structured training
 programmes designed to develop essential life skills, leadership qualities, and career-building
 opportunities. Through aviation experiences, adventure training, and personal development
 initiatives, we inspire young people to achieve their full potential. Our squadron instils
 confidence, discipline, and teamwork, equipping cadets with skills that benefit them in
 education, employment, and beyond.
- Empowering a volunteering culture We actively promote volunteerism among both young people and adults, strengthening civic engagement and fostering a strong sense of community. Cadets take part in public events, charity work, and local initiatives, developing a commitment to service that lasts a lifetime. Adult volunteers also play a crucial role in mentoring cadets, delivering training, and supporting squadron activities.

By supporting our project, we can expand these opportunities and ensure that young people in Crewe have access to valuable experiences that contribute to their growth, resilience, and future success. Our commitment to youth development and community engagement makes a lasting impact, aligning with the town's vision for a thriving and aspirational future.

Project Costs and Finances – Please see example matrix in guidance document

How much is the overall cost of your activity / project? Please detail (in section A) all associated costs.

What will Crewe Town Council funds be used to pay for?			
Item **	Total Costs (A)	Amount requested from Crewe Town Council (B)	
Gazebo	£879 ex VAT £1054 inc VAT	£843	
2x Feather flags	£336 ex VAT £403.20	£323	
	£	£	
	£	£	
	£	£	
	£	£	
Grand Totals	This figure should be at least 20% higher than the amount requested £1457.20	££1166	

** Where possible, please provide any quotes and estimates if appropriate (ideally 3).

Match funding

Please let us have details about your **financial** match funding f**or this project** and tell us if it has been **secured**.

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Please tick if you have **direct** match funding Please tick if you have **indirect** match funding

If any contributions have been secured by other funders, please write "secured" next to the funder's name. Please evidence this.

Who else have you approached for funding for this activity / project? Please only list details of funding for this project			
Total			
292			
1166			
	Total 292		

Have you previously applied for grant funding from Crewe Town Council?		No

If Yes, when did you apply?

Pre lock down

If you were successful, please tell us briefly what was funded.

Replacement Sqn Banner

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Declaration

I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation.

I certify that the information contained in this application is correct. If the information in the application changes, I will inform Crewe Town Council as soon as possible.

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Copies of your application, but with personal details redacted, will be provided at the relevant council meeting for consideration of awarding the grant.

For transparency purposes, information about successful grant applications is added to our website and made available to the local press. The press may request contact details of someone able to provide additional information.

Signed:	Date:
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Checklist - Very important!

Please enclose the following with your application. Applications will not be processed until all information has been received:

Latest annual accounts 🗆	Governing document 🛛	Copy of a bank statement less than three months old
Policy documents (if applicable)	Copies of written estimates 🛛	

Please send your completed application (preferably by email) to :

grants@crewetowncouncil.gov.uk

or by post to:-

Grants Scheme, Crewe Town Council, 1 Chantry Court, Forge Street, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 2DL

Deadlines for submissions are midnight on:

Sunday	27.04.25
Sunday	15.06.25
Sunday	07.09.25
Sunday	21.12.25
Sunday	08.02.26

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Crewe Town Council Grant Application Summary

Applicant Organisation:	Community Recycle Cycles		
Activity / Project Name:	Training for growth		
Have all documents been supplied:	Yes		
Sum applied for:	£1664		
Project total:	£2640.80		
Who will benefit from this funding:	25 Direct Team Members 55,000 Indirect		
Previous grant holder? When?	No		
Match funding detailed:	Yes (Indirect)		
Dep Chair & Officer observations:	Recommended for approval (remove expenses claim)		
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Please read the Grants Scheme Guidance before starting your application as the information contained on this form will help us process your grant application form.

Contact Details					
Name of Organisa	ation: C	Community Recycle Cycles			
Address of Organ	isation:	n: 7-9 Coronation Crescent, Crewe			
	Postcode: CW14EJ				
Name of Applicant:	Audrey Boston				
Position:	Fundin	unding Director			
Telephone Number:					
Email address:	'ess:				
Website:	Https://communityrecyclecycles.co.uk				
Facebook:	https:/	https://www.facebook.com/CommunityRecycleCycles Twitter: N/A			

About your organisation

	Voluntary, Community or Faith Sector Organisation
	Registered Charity 🗆
	Social Enterprise 🗆
	Community Interest Company 🖂
What type of organisation are you?	Not-for-Profit Community Business 🛛
	Community Amateur Sports Club 🗌
	Unregistered Community Group 🗆
	Club 🗆
	Society 🗆
Other, please state:	
What is your registered number (if you have one)	7916299
Application date:	14/6/2025
Project name:	Training for growth

Please read the guidance document before completing this application. I have read the guidance document (please check the box) \boxtimes

Please tell us about your organisation, its aims and the work you undertake and any other organisations that you work with (in less than 200 words).

Incorporated in 2012, Community Recycle Cycles is a volunteer led bicycle recycling project, and we are passionate about transforming lives through bicycles. Our aims are threefold – to help our volunteers gain technical and non-technical skills and where possible get them into the workplace, to provide safe and affordable transport for our neighbours and beyond, and to reduce the blight of landfill. We have rescued over 7,000 bicycles from this fate.

Our business model is accepting unwanted bicycles from across Cheshire East and restoring them to roadworthy conditions in our workshop and selling them through our shop. Where a bicycle is beyond economic repair, we salvage as many parts as we can to recycle on other bikes. We also service and repair customers' own bicycles.

Beyond our immediate team, we are always eager to provide work experience opportunities of varying duration and complexity to local schools, Safe Opportunities and UTC. We are thrilled to provide bicycle service and repair services to Everybody. We are thrilled to be partnering with Changing Lives Together to develop their recycled bicycle functions as they open their doors in the former WH Smith's shop.

Please tell us why you need this funding? (in less than 200 words).

We are desperately short of formally qualified mechanics – we currently have a part-time apprentice we want to retain, but payroll budgets may not stretch that far. We also have a part-time volunteer who can commit to 1 day per week. We also have another mechanic who accommodates our pleas for help with major repairs around his permanent employment.

Much as we would love to fund this training out of reserves, the painful reality is that our outgoings are exceeding income by around £500 per month. We urgently need to increase throughput by building our candidate's skills to enable her to take on more complex work, rather than passing the work across to a qualified mechanic. Simply, we will drive more roadworthy bicycles from our backlog out onto Crewe's roads getting more our of community mobile.

Details of Funding Requested

What is your activity / project called? Traini

Training for growth

How will your project benefit the local community within the Crewe town boundary? Please see map: <u>Ward Map - Crewe Town Council</u>

What advantages will your project bring to the Crewe Community? (in less than 200 words)

One of the biggest stumbling blocks to getting people in Crewe working is access to safe, affordable transport. We can provide it – we have the raw materials in unwanted bicycles, capable mechanics, a well-equipped workshop, and a retail team eager to help match new riders with their transport. Many of our current volunteers are desperate for those workplace technical and soft skills which will give them that much-needed leg up into paid employment. We are proud to have achieved just this for 3 of our team last year.

For some of our volunteers, learning difficulties, mental health limitations and/or physical disabilities mean that volunteering with us stops them from becoming that hidden cohort of socially isolated and lonely neighbours. We are determined to keep our doors open for them.

And finally, we what all children and young people to have access to a secure pair of wheels (and helmets and lights etc) to do our bit towards driving up their health and wellbeing. As with transport for work, we have all the raw materials to provide these bicycles!

Please provide evidence that this project is needed. ie Is there any duplication in Crewe? Is your organisation unique in its offering?

We are the only CIC providing this range of services within Crewe.	
we are the only the providing this range of services within trewe.	
How many people within the Crewe Town boundary (both directly and indirectly) will benefit from your project? Please check this against the boundary map and evidence with postcodes.	Direct – 25 (our team) Indirect – 55,000
Indirect is based on us having the bandwidth to grow our business to provide bicycle services across Crewe.	
How does this project meet Crewe Town Council's priorities in <i>Crewe's Comm</i> than 200 words)? Please see guidance document.	<i>nunity Plan</i> (in less
 Civic and Community Pride We are immensely proud that that vast majority of our team are volunteers, and we in continue to provide opportunities for everyone in Crewe to make their difference to Celebrating Arts and Culture/Health and Welfare Apparently, the first dedicated cycling paths were unveiled in Crewe in the early provision continues to evolve. Sadly, we remain wedded to cars, even for short con we can get more people cycling if we can spread the word that it can be affordable, so dare we suggest stylish? Aspirational Young People One of the greatest joys of working with CRC is seeing how our young people dev success stories arrived from college with a catering qualification but no work exper lack of social skills. Over time, they have acquired skills in Social Media along employment in a local food establishment whilst awaiting an apprenticeship st supermarket chain. This is what we have always done and what we passionately we 	our community. 20 th Century, and this mmutes and trips. Yet, safe, gets you fit and relop. One of our 2024 ience and a significant side gaining part-time art date with a major
I have read the guidance document (tick box)	
Project Costs and Finances – Please see example matrix in guidance docu	ment

How much is the overall cost of your activity / project?	52 640 00
Please detail (in section A) all associated costs.	£2,640.80

What will Crewe Town Council funds be used to pay for?		
Item **	Total Costs (A)	Amount requested from Crewe Town Council (B)
Cytech 2 training course & qualification through Activate Cycle Academy, Stafford	£1,500	£1,500

Grand Totals	This figure should be at least 20% higher than the amount requested £2.640.80	£1664.00
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
Mechanic's salary (£12.21 x 8 hours) x 10 days	£976.80	£
Return train to Stafford £16.40 x 10 days	£164.00	£164.00

** Where possible, please provide any quotes and estimates if appropriate (ideally 3).

Match funding

Please let us have details about your **financial** match funding for this project and tell us if it has been secured.

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Please tick if you have **direct** match funding

Please tick if you have **indirect** match funding 🛛

If any contributions have been secured by other funders, please write "secured" next to the funder's name. Please evidence this.

Who else have you approached for funding for this activity / project? Please only list details of funding for this project		
Direct Match funding Contribution requested from:	Total	
Indirect Match funding (ie volunteer value, free room hire etc) Please see guidance document		
Mechanic's salary costs will be borne by CRC (£12.21 x 8 hours) x 10 days	£976.80	

Have you previously app	plied for grant funding from Crewe Town Council?	Yes	No
If Yes, when did you app	ly?		
If you were successful, p	blease tell us briefly what was funded.		



Crewe Town Council Grant Application Summary

Applicant Organisation:	St Mary's Caritas Centre
Activity / Project Name:	Community Garden
Have all documents been supplied:	Yes
Sum applied for:	£1978.65
Project total:	£6160
Who will benefit from this funding:	52 direct
Previous grant holder? When?	Yes
Match funding detailed:	Yes but not confirmed see supporting info below
Chair & Officer observations:	Additional questions asked:
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- Q: Your quote for Dandy's organic veg grow is dated 2023 please can you submit a more current one
 A: Please see below
- Q: Can you let us have more info on the match funding. Who have you applied to and when will you know the outcome?
- A: We are applying to both B&Q and Wickes for support with the additional costs, I have not submitted the applications yet as the next window doesn't open until 14th July for B&Q.
- Q: When do you anticipate the project starting and what will happen if you are not successful with your other funding applications?
- A: We are able to get started straight away. If we don't get the additional funds immediately we will keep looking for grants and start some community fundraising to expand the number of raised beds but we will install the polytunnel and seating as soon as we have the funds available. We will add as money and volunteer capacity allow.





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Contact Details			
Name of Organisation:	Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury (St Mary's Caritas Centre)		
Address of Organisation:	St Mary's Caritas Centre Delamere Street Crewe		
		Postcode:	CW1 2JX
Name of Applicant:	Becky Hurst		
Position:	Community Builder		
Telephone Number:	07394568255		
Email address:	Becky.hurst@caritasshrewsbury.org.u	<u>k</u>	
Website:	https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.u	<u><</u>	
Facebook:	https://www.facebook.com/CreweCa	itas Twitter:	N/A

About your organisation

	Voluntary, Community or Faith Sector Organisation $\ \square$
	Registered Charity 🖂
	Social Enterprise
	Community Interest Company
What type of organisation are you?	Not-for-Profit Community Business
	Community Amateur Sports Club
	Unregistered Community Group 🗆
	Club 🗆
	Society 🗆
Other, please state:	
What is your registered number (if you have one)	1169317
Application date:	15/06/2025
Project name:	St Mary's Caritas Community Garden

Please read the guidance document before completing this application. I have read the guidance document (please check the box) $\hfill \boxtimes$

Please tell us about your organisation, its aims and the work you undertake and any other organisations that you work with (in less than 200 words).

We operate the community centre on Delamere Street as a hub for local people. Since opening in January 2022 we have been working in partnership with Looking after the Homeless (LATH), who run drop-in sessions on a Tuesday and Thursday for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable people. We are also working with St Paul's Futures Team on a gardening group as part of their weekly programme, this session is organised by Helen Braithwaite our local Incredible Edible coordinator.

Since December 2024 we have been holding a weekly community cafe on a Wednesday morning, which has a growing group of regulars coming along.

We aim to offer a safe space and warm welcome to people who may be feeling lonely or vulnerable, a space where they can make friends and join in a range of activites and be signposted to additional support services.

Please tell us why you need this funding? (in less than 200 words).

Since starting the Incredible Edible @ St Mary's Caritas project, we have seen engagement from LATH, St Mary's Parish and St Paul's Futures Team, as well as local families who have adopted part of our raised beds. We often find our neighbours who live in the flats and houses with no gardens use the small amount of green space around the centre.

With this in mind, we would like to expand both our growing capacity and seating areas. These are areas that are open to the public 24 hours a day, covered by CCTV recording and ample lighting meaning they would be safe spaces for people to spend time outdoors.

The funding would enable us to purchase benches, a polytunnel and garden supplies to continue to grow the scale of the project.

Details of Funding Requested

What is your activity / project called?

St Mary's Caritas Community Garden

How will your project benefit the local community within the Crewe town boundary? Please see map: <u>Ward</u> <u>Map - Crewe Town Council</u>

What advantages will your project bring to the Crewe Community? (in less than 200 words)

Based on the edge of the town centre, just a short walk from the bus station and on a popular walking route from the West End of the town the project will have good accesiblity for a wide range of people. We will be encouragning greater involvement from the groups regulary using the centre, such as the Afternoon Club, Crewe Chess Club and Adventure Gamers. This involvement could range from assisting with looking after the garden e.g. watering, weeding and having a general tidy up to regularly committing to help

with the ongoing maintenance of the project, e.g. emptying compost bins, mulching and planting to simply enjoying the outside space or harvesting the fresh fruit and vegetables being grown.

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Please provide evidence that this project is needed.

ie Is there any duplication in Crewe? Is your organisation unique in its offering?

There are Incredible Edible projects at both St Peter's and St Andrew's churches and there are a number of community centres, often with gardens and vegetable growing areas.

The value that we can add is that the areas would be accesible to people at any time for people to enjoy. The additional food that we would be able to grow would be available to the local community to include a wider variety of fruit and vegetables in their diet.

Through established realtionships with local organisations we will be able to increase the number of people directly involved in the project and those able to harvest the produce.

How many people within the Crewe Town boundary (both directly and indirectly) will benefit from your project? Please check this against the boundary map and evidence with postcodes. We would be involving people from CW1 and CW2 postcodes We would hope to include an additional 12 volunteers/participants directly in the project and a further 40 engaging with the space and making use of the produce.

How does this project meet Crewe Town Council's priorities in *Crewe's Community Plan* (in less than 200 words)? Please see guidance document.

This project will enable people to develop practical gardening skills and will enhance the local neighbourhood, improving well being for individuals and facilitating community connections. The development of a safe outdoor space will help people to engage with the natural environment, which is widely accepted as a good way to improve mental health.

I have read the guidance document (tick box) \square

Project Costs and Finances – Please see example matrix in guidance document

How much is the overall cost of your activity / project?	£8,138.65
Please detail (in section A) all associated costs.	10,130.03

What will Crewe Town Council funds be used to pay for?

Item **	Total Costs (A)	Amount requested from Crewe Town Council (B)
4 x planters	£3,560	£
Polytunnel		£740.70
2 * Corner Benches		£458
Soil (tonne bag)+gardening supplies		£279.95
Volunteer Hours (4 hrs/week@£13/hr for 50 weeks)	£2,600	
Publicity materials and events		£500
	£6,160	£1,978.65

** Where possible, please provide any quotes and estimates if appropriate (ideally 3).

Match funding

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Please tick if you have direct match funding \boxtimes Please tick if you have indirect match funding \boxtimes

If any contributions have been secured by other funders, please write "secured" next to the funder's name. Please evidence this.

Who else have you approached for funding for this activity / project? Please only list details of funding for this project		
Direct Match funding Contribution requested from:	Total	
Fundraising	£500	
Additional applications to be made to cover the balance	£3,060	
Indirect Match funding (ie volunteer value, free room hire etc) Please see guidance document		
Volunteer Hours	£2,600	

Have you previously applied for grant funding from Crewe Town Council?		Yes	No

If Yes, when did you apply?

2023

If you were successful, please tell us briefly what was funded.

Purchase and installation of shed, contribution to raised bed installation and purchase of tools to begin the Incredible Edible project at St Mary's Caritas Centre.

Declaration

I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation.

I certify that the information contained in this application is correct. If the information in the application changes, I will inform Crewe Town Council as soon as possible.

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Signed:		Date:	15 th June 2025
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Policy documents (if applicable)	Copies of written estimates	

Please send your completed application (preferably by email) to :

grants@crewetowncouncil.gov.uk

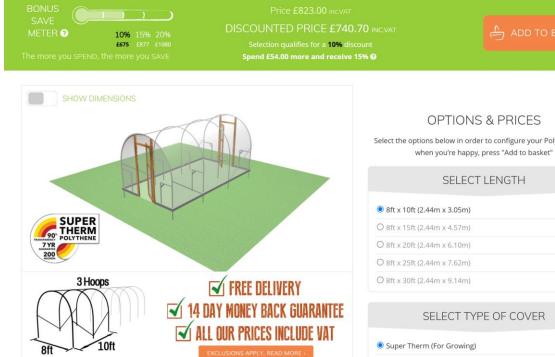
or by post to:-

Grants Scheme, Crewe Town Council, 1 Chantry Court, Forge Street, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 2DL

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Select the options below in order to configure your Polytunnel and

8ft x 10ft (2.44m x 3.05m)	£540.00
O 8ft x 15ft (2.44m x 4.57m)	£617.00
O 8ft x 20ft (2.44m x 6.10m)	£693.00
O 8ft x 25ft (2.44m x 7.62m)	£767.00
O 8ft x 30ft (2.44m x 9.14m)	£843.00

Super Therm (For Growing)	£0.00
O Smart White (For Livestock & Shade)	£11.00

PB02

CHURNET VALLEY GARDEN FURNITURE Churnet Valley Corner Planter Bench

£229.00

Delivery Charges

Cost Available On Request: GY. HS. IV41-51/55-56. IM, JE. KA27-28. KW15-17. PA20+. PH15+ PO31-41. ZE.

Delivery Postcodes: AB, BT, DD, IV, PH 1-14, KW 1-14, + 269.00

Dear Madam,

With reference to our recent site meeting I have pleasure in submitting my invoice for Labour & Materials at the above location.

ITEM 1. With help supply and lay concrete blocks to receive 200mm x 200mm softwood sleepers. With timber edge topping. Supply and fix softwood baton to form pathway from car park to building perimeter (bark and compost to be supplied by centre.

TOTAL LABOUR & MATERIALS FOR ITEM 1. £790.00 ADDITIONAL MATERIALS & LABOUR TO RAISE HEIGHT OF RAISED BEDS £100

ITEM 2. Repeat Item 1. Supplying the second raised bed, with extra material.

TOTAL LABOUR & MATERIALS FOR ITEM 2. £890

TOTAL LABOUR & MATERIALS FOR ITEMS 1. & 2. £1,780.00

QUANTITY	NAME	DATE	DISCOUNT	PRICE
1 x	Dandy's Organic VegeGrow® Topsoil for vegetables - Jumbo Bag approx 1000kg	30/04/2023	0 GBP	129.95 GBP
		Sh	ipping	0.00 GBP
		То	tal Tax	21.66 GBP



Crewe Town Council Grant Application Summary

Applicant Organisation:	Crewe Brass
Activity / Project Name:	Build Crewe Brass
Have all documents been supplied:	Yes
Sum applied for:	£2500
Project total:	£3748
Who will benefit from this funding:	55318
Previous grant holder? When?	Yes 2023
Match funding detailed:	Yes
Dep Chair & Officer observations:	Recommended for approval
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Crewe Toᢆwn Council Grants Scheme Application Form



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Contact Details

Name of Organisation:	Crewe Brass		
Address of Organisation	dress of Organisation: 17 th SW Cheshire Scouts Building, Queen Street, Crewe, CW1 4AU		

		Postcode:	CW1 4AU
Name of Applicant:	Amanda Harrison		

Position:	Crewe Brass Committee member/player		
Telephone Number:			
Email address:	<u>crewebrassband@gmail.com</u>		
Website:	crewebrass.com		
Facebook:	https://facebook.com/crewebrass Twitter: Crewe Brass		

About your organisation

	Voluntary, Community or Faith Sector Organisation 🛛	
	Registered Charity 🖂	
	Social Enterprise 🗆	
	Community Interest Company 🗆	
What type of organisation are you?	Not-for-Profit Community Business 🛛	
	Community Amateur Sports Club 🗆	
	Unregistered Community Group 🗆	
	Club 🗆	
	Society 🗆	
Other, please state:		
What is your registered number (if you have one)	1125938	
Application date:	14 th June 2025	
Project name:	Build Crewe Brass	

Please read the guidance document before completing this application. I have read the guidance document (please check the box) $\hfill\square$

Please tell us about your organisation, its aims and the work you undertake and any other organisations that you work with (in less than 200 words).

Crewe Brass is a modern brass band in a traditional brass band format, playing every genre of music. We comprise players from Crewe and Cheshire, proudly rehearsing in Crewe. We welcome and perform for people from all walks of life; our music is for everyone and so are we. We also celebrate our successes with social events and annual band awards.

Crewe Brass plays in local events supporting CTC, including Christmas Lights & Remembrance Sunday. Other performances include public venues and festivals, Crewe Lyceum concerts, Christie Charity concerts with Crewe Concert Band, residential homes, Nantwich Show, Wheels of War, Picnic in the Park. We compete in the annual Blackpool NW Area contest, raising Crewe's visibility with our name and standard. The band, reformed from a handful of players in 2021, is now energised with over 24 players, our keen MD, alongside a new rehearsal venue at the refurbished Scout Hut. We have a growing engagement list into 2026, including a James Bond themed concert with an operatic society next March. Our rejuvenation continues by improving our provision of storage and instruments in our new rehearsal venue, to stay viable and active. performing in the heart of Crewe.

Please tell us why you need this funding? (in less than 200 words).

Our long tenure at Crewe Heritage Centre (CHC) ended because of security affordability. We have since emptied our onsite storage facility there. We secured a long-term venue with 17th SW Cheshire Scouts, in their new building on Queen Street. It has been significant for us to keep rehearsing in Crewe and it also supports Scouts' income.

We now desperately need permanent storage. Currently, our equipment is impractically scattered across Crewe! Scouts have allocated us a space within their grounds. An existing dilapidated shed needs dismantling. We agreed that the most effective option is to purchase a second-hand metal container unit to place on a new base. We need to fund the base, container, and crane placement. The main labour is from band volunteers.

We have discounted wood or brick built to significantly reduce costs, before approaching CTC. Our submission would provide a safe, secure building. We have support from band members to prepare the ground & container to suit our storage needs. Should we ever leave the Scout Hut, there's options to take it with us, hand over to Scouts, or its agreed users.

Details of Funding Requested

What is your activity / project called? Build Crewe Brass	
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How will your project benefit the local community within the Crewe town boundary? Please see map: <u>Ward Map - Crewe Town Council</u>

What advantages will your project bring to the Crewe Community? (in less than 200 words)

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Crewe Brass is a performing arts organisation, reflecting the traditions of brass band and bringing it to all audiences. We are integral to the Town and its appreciation of the arts. Our music and visibility is noted at the wide variety of events we participate in across Crewe and beyond its boundaries. The very name "Crewe Brass" always has people asking about our location and our concert programmes. We have been positively associated with Crewe Lyceum, bringing audiences from all over the country into Crewe, and through CHC with the Wheels of War events and concert performances connecting the Town's rail heritage with beautiful brass music.

Our connections with the Heritage Centre, Crewe Lyceum, Crewe Town Council, Crewe Concert Band and now the 17th SW Cheshire Scouts, and the Sea Scouts nearby, who we also approached for rehearsal and storage, are important in improving opportunities for people to enjoy music; whether by being an audience member, player, or in mutually beneficial relationships for use of venues and to promote the range of hobbies and activities in the Crewe Town area.

Please provide evidence that this project is needed.

ie Is there any duplication in Crewe? Is your organisation unique in its offering?

Crewe Brass is the only brass band in Crewe. Other brass bands in the Cheshire area are also having difficulty in finding and securing long term rehearsal and suitable, dry, secure storage. It is a widespread problem which continues to affect the ability of bands to thrive as venues change usage.

Crewe Brass is a town band with strong connections to Crewe's culture & heritage. There are limited, affordable spaces for the band in Crewe. This is a solution which also supports the 17th SW Scouts, where we can build some cost-effective storage without affecting the intended use of the Scout building. It also allows us to store and effectively use our instruments, equipment & uniforms (previously funded by a council grant) which would otherwise be difficult to maintain and store appropriately.

This is an ideal opportunity to improve unused areas in an already developing building, making best use of space and services that continue to be accessed by Crewe's younger residents and their families.

How many people within the Crewe Town boundary (both directly and indirectly) will benefit from your project? Please check this against the boundary map and evidence with postcodes.	
All Crewe residents within the Crewe Town boundary would benefit from this project. From Crewe Brass providing performing arts for Crewe Town, as audiences to the events across the Town, as players/potential players, as users of the 17 th SW Scout building where their facilities are not affected by Crewe Brass using the building, to the Crewe public in general for maintaining these groups and their venues for and across Crewe Town	55,318

How does this project meet Crewe Town Council's priorities in *Crewe's Community Plan* (in less than 200 words)? Please see guidance document.

The new building enables CB to effectively retain our equipment. Our positive relationship with Scout leaders has rescued us - with urgent rehearsal & storage space which we require long term, enabling improved usage of the premises.

With this new storage, we can create resilience for the band. We are proud to put down new roots in Crewe, at the heart of established communities - with the Scouts, Air Cadets next door, and nearby Sea Cadets providing more opportunities to collaborate in the future.

The playing and visibility of Crewe Brass places performing arts at the forefront of people's minds. We are accessible in this new community; a place to join in, enjoy rehearsals, and to create inspiring concerts for everyone.

Crewe Brass supports people's wellbeing – the enjoyment of playing & listening. Brass banding's rich history needs sustaining, by building new audiences, bringing in players and gaining supporters. We recognise the enduring collaborations that we can make from developing new relationships with the volunteer organisations alongside us in our new rehearsal venue.

Our project tackles the difficulties encountered by services needing a home. It makes Crewe great by strengthening important community activities, performing arts & infrastructures for the future.

I have read the guidance document (tick box)

Project Costs and Finances – Please see example matrix in guidance document

How much is the overall cost of your activity / project? Please detail (in section A) all associated costs.

What will Crewe Town Council funds be used to pay for?			
ltem **	Total Costs (A)	Amount requested from Crewe Town Council (B)	
Container Base Materials	£1224 (£1468 VAT) Less direct matched funds £300)	£925	
Labour & Skip Volunteer labour (see below)	£500 (£600 VAT) Less £325 indirect matched funds	£175	
Container (2 nd hand metal shipping) crane delivered	£1400 (£1680 VAT)	1400	
Grand Totals	This figure should be at least 20% higher than the amount requested £3,748	£2,500	

** Where possible, please provide any quotes and estimates if appropriate (ideally 3).

Match funding

Please let us have details about your **financial** match funding f**or this project** and tell us if it has been **secured**.

All applications must show a minimum of 20% match funding. We will not fund 100% of an application. This can be made up of a minimum of 10% in direct (ie cash/ financial) match funding and 10% in indirect match funding. Please see example matrix in guidance document.

Please tick if you have direct match funding	\boxtimes
Please tick if you have indirect match funding	\boxtimes

If any contributions have been secured by other funders, please write "secured" next to the funder's name. Please evidence this.

Who else have you approached for funding for this activity / project? Please only list details of funding for this project		
Direct Match funding Contribution requested from:	Total	
Richmond Villages Retirement Concert fundraiser of which £300 is earmarked for the base of the shed materials	£300	
Indirect Match funding (ie volunteer value, free room hire etc) Please see guidance document Volunteers to remove old wooden shed, excavate, remove spoil Equivalent to 2 days on site labour minimum)	£325	

Have you previously applied for grant funding from Crewe Town Council?			x
If Yes, when did you apply?	2023		
If you were successful, please	e tell us briefly what was funded.		
Small grant for music & score fo	r the 2024 areas.		

Please ensure that you enclose all your supporting documents – please see **checklist** on the last page – Partially completed applications will not be considered.

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Declaration

I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation.

I certify that the information contained in this application is correct. If the information in the application changes, I will inform Crewe Town Council as soon as possible.

I give permission for Crewe Town Council to retain this information electronically. The information in this form will be used for the administration of grant applications and for statistical analysis.

I also give permission for Crewe Town Council to contact my organisation by phone, mail or email with information from time to time.

Data protection: Please ensure that you read this section before submitting your application. Part or all of the information you supply to us will be held on our IT system. This information will be used for the administration of grant applications and for statistical analysis.

Copies of your application, but with personal details redacted, will be provided at the relevant council meeting for consideration of awarding the grant.

For transparency purposes, information about successful grant applications is added to our website and made available to the local press. The press may request contact details of someone able to provide additional information.

Signed:	Amanda Harrison (email)	Date:	14 th June 2025
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Checklist – Very important!

Please enclose the following with your application. Applications will not be processed until all information has been received:

Latest annual accounts 🖂	Governing document 🛛	Copy of a bank statement less than three months old	
Policy documents (if applicable)	Copies of written estimates 🛛		

Please send your completed application (preferably by email) to :

grants@crewetowncouncil.gov.uk

or by post to:-

Grants Scheme, Crewe Town Council, 1 Chantry Court, Forge Street, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 2DL

Deadlines for submissions are midnight on:

Sunday 28th April 2024 Sunday 16th June 2024 Sunday 8th September 2024 Sunday 22nd December 2024 Sunday 9th February 2025

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65 Whitehall Building and Renovation Ltd

Our Ref: Crewe Brass

10th June 2025

Crewe Brass Queen Street Crewe Cw1 4AU

As promised below is a quotation for the construction and supply of a 20 foot shipping container storage unit.

The following is based on providing a concrete base and a 2nd hand metal shipping container.

We have allowed for the following: As per our discussions.

Base

Skip Excavate and remove spoil Concrete post and gravel board retaining wall Concrete base on compacted hardcore.

Materials total \pounds 1224.00 + vat = \pounds 1468.80 Labour \pounds 500.00+ Vat = \pounds 600.00

<u>Container</u> 2nd hand shipping container Delivery based on HIAB to crane offload and subject to suitable site for offloading.

 $\pounds 1400.00 + Vat = \pounds 1680.00$

Exclusions: Removal of any contaminates. Removal of abnormal foundations or existing below ground concrete etc

This quote is valid for 30 days.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Davyd Michell (Director)



Crewe Town Council Grant Variation Summary

Applicant	Friends for Leisure
Organisation:	
Date of request:	3 rd July 2025
Project funded:	FFL Volunteering programme – Crewe
Amount granted:	£1800 (partial funding)
Date of approved	March 2023
funding:	
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	Email request received 09.07.25
Details of	In March 2023 we received a grant of £1800 to support our volunteering
variation request:	programme in Crewe.
	I have reported that we have faced challenges delivering on this because high
	schools in Crewe have not responded to our requests to deliver volunteer
	recruitment talks.
	Proposal for consideration by Crewe Town Council
	Disabled young people often experience social isolation because they are
	educated out of area, which means that they don't see their college friends outside college and can't stay for after-school activities. Others are bullied or
	ostracised at local schools or in the community because they are seen as
	"different".
	We believe that our work meets the aims of Crewe Town Council's priorities as
	set out in the Crewe Community Plan in the following ways:
	Friends for Laisure addresses the assist indiction and landiness often averagionsed
	Friends for Leisure addresses the social isolation and loneliness often experienced by disabled children and young people by running a youth group, a bowling
	club, school holiday activities and PALS (Personal and Life Skills) sessions.
	crab, school honday activities and trices (Fersonal and Ene skins) sessions.
	Our sessions provide opportunities for disabled children to have fun with friends
	in safe settings. Each session has a planned activity which are included in our
	termly flyers. These are sent out to all registered families so that young people
	can choose the activities they want to attend, and more importantly, they know
	what is expected of them before they book their place.
	Disabled young people learn social and practical skills that will help them as they
	grow up
	We use community venues and local mainstream leisure provision, such as
	restaurants, the leisure centre, gyms, etc. so that disabled children and young
	people can feel connected to their community. The youth groups are provided in
	a town-centre facility – All Saints Church Hall
	The groups help to improveothe mental health and wellbeing of disabled young

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for wellbeing.			
riends for Leisure's ethos is "th	nk ability, not disability",	challenging young	
people to try things they would otherwise not have considered. Improving young			
people's social skills leads to be	ter chances in adult life.		
All of our sessions have a maxim	um number of 16 registe	red young people and	
re supported by 2 members of	staff and young voluntee	rs.	
We would like to use the fundin	ı from Crewe Town Coun	cil to contribute toward	
the cost of delivering and marketing our service in the Crewe town boundary			
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Crewe Town Council Grants Scheme Application Form



Please read the Grants Scheme Guidance before starting your application as the information contained on this form will help us process your grant application form. Please ensure that you submit all the requested documents at the same time.

Contact Details	1			
Name of Organisation:	Friends for Leisure			
Address of Organisation:	Albert Chambers, Canal Street, Congleton, Cheshire			
	Postcode: CW12 4AA			
Name of Applicant:	Claire Addis			
Position:	Fundraising and Marketing Coordinat	Fundraising and Marketing Coordinator		
Telephone Number:	01260 275333	01260 275333		
Email address:	<u>claire@friendsforleisure.org.uk</u>			
Website:	www.friendsforleisure.org.uk			
Facebook:	www.facebook.com/Friends.for.Leisure Twitter: @Friends4Leisure			

About your organisation

Voluntary, Community or Faith Sector Organisation 🛛
Registered Charity 🛛
Social Enterprise 🗆
Community Interest Company 🗆
Not-for-Profit Community Business 🗆
Community Amateur Sports Club 🗆
Unregistered Community Group 🗆
Club 🗆
Society 🗆
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Please ensure that you enclose **all** your supporting documents – please see **checklist** on the last page

Please tell us about your organisation, its aims and the work you undertake (in less than 200 words)

Friends for Leisure's aims are to establish, promote and develop mainstream leisure and friendship opportunities for children and young people aged 5-21 with any chronic/life-long disability or health condition across Cheshire East. For nearly 28 years we have delivered varied, interesting and accessible activities to these vulnerable individuals:

- 5 fortnightly youth groups in Crewe, Congleton and Macclesfield, supporting disabled young people to mix with peers in a safe, familiar environment. All delivered in community locations so participants feel part of their neighbourhood. Activities range from rock climbing to drumming; meals out to animal encounters; trampolining to arts and crafts
- Weekly drama groups and fortnightly ten-pin bowling and Saturday clubs
- Individual buddying/befriending services where a young disabled person is paired with a young volunteer to go out and take part in activities that interest them e.g. cinema, sports clubs, grabbing a coffee etc.
- Daytime holiday activity programmes
- Family support work
- PALS (Personal and Learning Skills) programme offering longer sessions once a month focusing on skills development for transition to adulthood whilst offering respite to parents/carers

Around 100 young volunteers support our work and build genuine friendships with children through our nationally recognised volunteering programme.

Who benefits from the activities of your organisation? (in less than 200 words)

Primarily children and young people aged 5-21, all with one or more disabilities (physical, sensory, learning, mental health or a combination). They all live within Cheshire East, and Crewe is one of three main areas that we focus our support and provision in. We also support parents/carers and families, many of which are on low incomes. Young volunteers benefit from participating with the charity, most are aged 15-18 and become more active citizens as a result of engaging with disabled young people. In addition we help raise disability awareness and the importance of equality and inclusion amongst all local communities. This includes talking to schools/educational establishments, local businesses etc.

Which other organisations do you work with locally to deliver and publicise your activities? (in less than 200 words)

Partnership working continues to be key to successful work with local communities in Crewe to ensure as many residents as possible know about what we offer to young people and their families. We use a variety of local organisations/providers to deliver activities in order to support the local economy e.g. LS Gymnastics, Which Craft workshops, Yoga with Rachel, Everybody Health & Leisure, local independent cafes/restaurants (e.g. What's Happening on North Street) and local branches of national eateries and entertainment establishments. We will restart bowling sessions in Crewe when Tenpin opens. We use local venues to bring disabled children and families into the local community, including YMCA, All Saints Church and Crewe Lifestyle Centre – who also help us publicise our other activities at these venues. We continue to work with other local charities including Wishing Well, Body Positive, Cheshire Buddies, Jon Shaw Foundation and CVS Cheshire East for networking, training and publicity. As well as self-referrals we recruit new service users through Cheshire East Children with Disabilities Short Breaks team, schools/colleges, SENCOs, medical professionals, parent/carer networks, social media, our website, leaflet drops and word-of-mouth.

Details of Funding Requested

What is your activity / project called?

How will your project benefit the local community within the Crewe town boundary? What advantages will it bring to Crewe? (in less than 200 words)

- (1) Young volunteers (25) we will work with younger people (generally aged 15-21) who may be disengaged from their local community and who will benefit from learning new skills and training that prepare them for employment or further education. They will become more disability aware and more accepting/supportive of others, as well as raise confidence and aspirations, increase independence and make new friends. They will become empowered, more active citizens in Crewe.
- (2) Children and young people with disabilities (32) this group is more at risk of living in or close to poverty in the Crewe area, as well as being more lonely compared to non-disabled children. Being supported by volunteers who are of similar age and building friendships allows them to build confidence/self-esteem, feel less isolated, become more independent, access more local services and experience improved mental and physical health.
- (3) Parents/carers (indirectly 32) these individuals are at risk of burnout so the respite they receive while their child is accessing FFL services led, or supported, by volunteers is very important to help them improve their mental health and overall wellbeing as well as strengthen family relationships.

Overall this will make Crewe a more accepting, integrated community with skilled members of society who are happy and healthy.

Please ensure that you enclose **all** your supporting documents – please see **checklist** on the last page

What evidence do you have that this activity / project is needed? How many people within the Crewe town boundary will benefit from it? (in less than 200 words)

Young people (both disabled and non-disabled) struggle with feelings of loneliness, both across the UK and within Crewe ('One Small Step', Co-op Foundation). We have worked in this area and with these target groups for nearly three decades so have extensive experience and knowledge accessing, and learning from, hard-toreach disabled children and their families. Our own disabled children have directly told us through recent individual development reviews, surveys and our Club Captain programme (elected service users giving us feedback on a regular basis) that they want to meet more new people, get more support and more frequent opportunities to go out independently of parents/carers. Our volunteer network is perfect to facilitate this, and using young people from Crewe means they have great knowledge of their community and what it has to offer, help reduce feelings of isolation for disabled children, whilst building valuable skills themselves during the experience, which disengaged students would really benefit from. We have fewer numbers of volunteers coming from the Crewe area however, so we know we can increase our efforts here to recruit them and increase the rate of volunteering. Increasing volunteering rates creates closer community links and stronger, more collaborative neighbourhoods which Crewe needs.

How many people within the Crewe boundary will benefit from your project?

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How does this project meet Crewe Town Council's priorities in 'A Vision for Crewe - Crewe's **Community Plan'?** (in less than 200 words)

** You will need to read this document before completing this section **

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We will 'empower a volunteering culture in Crewe' by promoting our successful volunteering programme more intensely in Crewe, and recruit, train, use & support more young volunteers to offer more opportunities for local people to be engaged with their community. By working with local schools, colleges and local businesses (especially those offering apprenticeships) we can 'showcase the talents volunteers can bring, the benefits of volunteering and how it can enhance the community for the greater good'. It also 'provides informal learning opportunities for young people' which helps young people in Crewe 'have the opportunities, knowledge and skills to progress towards achieving and building their aspirations'.

Our youth group activities and befriending service (all of which are supported or led by volunteers) also build aspirations for disabled children and young people. They benefit from 'reduced social isolation and loneliness in Crewe' as a result of us 'supporting, encouraging and developing projects and activities that promote companionship and befriending schemes'. Our work also 'improves health and wellbeing' - parents/carers because of much needed breaks from their caring roles and disabled children (many of which have mental health conditions) because of making friends which leads to increased feelings of wellbeing.

Project Costs and Finances

How much is the overall cost of your activity / project?	£35,493 (across whole of Cheshire East)
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What will funds from Crewe Town Council be used to pay for?				
Item **	Total Costs	Requested from Crewe Town Council		
Volunteer Co-ordinator salary	£22,096	£0		
Project workers sessional costs	£2,031	£0		
Volunteer recruitment	£3,000	£1,000 (Crewe area spending)		
Volunteer training	£600	£200 (Crewe area spending)		
Volunteer hospitality	£350	£0		
Overheads	£1,274	£0		
Travel	£900	£300 (Crewe area spending)		
Marketing costs (leaflets, social media etc.)	£1,000	£150		
Management costs	£3,221	£0		
Volunteer handbook printing	£900	£150 (Crewe volunteers)		
Mobile phone	£120	£40 (Crewe area spending) not granted		
Grand Totals	£35,492	£1,840		

** Where possible, please provide any quotes and estimates (ideally 3)

Please ensure that you enclose **all** your supporting documents – please see **checklist** on the last page.

Who else have you approached for funding for this activity / project? If any contributions have been secured by other funders, please write (SECURED) next to the funders name

Contribution requested from	Total	
National Lottery Community fund (SECURED)	£29,438	
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust/Ann Rylands small grants (PENDING)	£2,500	
Felicity Wilde Charitable Trust (PENDING)	£2,000	

Have you previously	y applied for grant funding from Crewe Town Council?	

Yes X

No

If Yes, when did you apply?

08/09/2021

If you were successful, please tell us briefly what was funded.

£1,520.57 to fund youth group/activities costs for our 18-21 year old disabled young people in Crewe

Please ensure that you enclose **all** your supporting documents – please see **checklist** on the last page.

Declaration

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I understand that Crewe Town Council will use any personal information I have provided for the purposes described under the Data Protection Statement which can be found <u>here</u>.

Signed:		Date:	09/02/2023
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Checklist – Very important!

Please enclose the following with your application. Applications will not be processed until all information has been received:

Latest annual accounts 🛛	Governing document 🛛	Copy of a bank statement less than three months old
Policy documents 🖂 (if applicable)	Copies of written estimates 🛛	

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grants@crewetowncouncil.gov.uk

or by post to:-

Grants Scheme, Crewe Town Council, 1 Chantry Court, Forge Street, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 2DL

Please ensure you keep a copy of this application form for your own records.

Deadlines for submissions are midnight on: Sunday 8th May 2022 Sunday 7th August 2022 Sunday 16th October 2022 Sunday 18th December 2022 Sunday 12th February 2023

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CREWE TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT STATEMENT

Meeting: Report Purpose:	Community Committee – 15 th July 2025 To provide an update re grants funded and completed	TOWN
Version Control: Author:	v1 Community Manager	

- 1. **Report Summary:** To provide an update to members regarding Grants funded through the Small Grants Scheme whose projects have ended since the last committee meeting.
- 2. **Background:** As part of the Grants Scheme guidance, grant recipients are required to complete and End of Grant report when the project ends.
- 3. **Position:** Please see attached the completed documents to date from the following applicants:

Group	Amount awarded	Date of award
LS Gymnastics	£2000	Aug 24
RicNic	£1000	Aug 24
The CAT radio	£1215	Jun 24

- 4. **Equality Impact:** All services delivered to meet the aims and the requirements of the Equality & Diversity Policy and any associated equality legislation.
- 5. Sustainability Impact: Self sustaining
- 6. **Community Impact:** The grant scheme positively impacts the health and wellbeing of residents living within the Crewe town boundary.
- 7. Governance: Crewe Town Council Community Plan Crewe Town Council Corporate Strategy Crewe Town Council Financial Regulations Local Government Act 2011
- 8. **Financial Impact:** No further financial impact.
- 9. **Resource Impact:** Officer time.

- 10. **Consultation/Engagement:** Grant Scheme recipients.
- 11. Wards Affected: All wards
- 12. **Conclusions:** End of grant forms completed as part of the grant application Process.
- 13. **Consideration Sought:** Members are asked to note the feedback given to date from successful grant applicants whose projects have ended.



Crewe Town Council Small Grants Scheme End of Grant Report



Please complete, sign and return this form as soon as your project has finished

Project Name: Making it safe for all

Organisation Name: LSGCA

Grant Award received from Crewe Town Council:	£2000
Date of award: 29/08/2024	

How was your grant spent?

Please give a breakdown of the items or activities funded by the grant award from Crewe Town Council

Item or activity	Actual total cost of the item / activity for the project	Amount of Crewe Town Council grant spent on item / activity
Landing resi mat	£2500	£2500
Total amount spent	£2500	£2500

If how you spent your grant is different to what you put in your application form, you must explain why and advise how this has allowed you to achieve your outcomes.

We spent it on exactly what we asked for

It is a great moment for the club to be supported by the local council in a project and we will be ever in favour and support of the community understanding that you have. In helping us out in this area has unlocked a new area of safety for our gymnasts of all ability to explore and jump for greater heights.

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How many people directly benefited from the grant?1200

Tell us the wider benefits you feel it has had to the community

With a facility that is safe and secure to move around in there has been a massive increase in the diversity and inclusion of so many children and adults.

Equipment is easily damaged, eaten or at the hands of intense wear and tear. We are constantly making sure that every child has the right to train in a well-equipped and professional environment. It is not only our SEN children who require this environment but our top gymnasts who are proud to be part of the Crewe community and understand there is help from local support to assist their climb up to European level.

Is there anything you would have done differently?

There is nothing we would have done differently, however we may require your help in the future as these mats are an on-going dilemma in providing a safe place but do not have an everlasting shelf period.

Title	Forename		Surname
Mrs	Candy		Lakin
Position within organisation			
Performance Manager			
Telephone Number		Email	
		lsgymnastics@outlook.com	
Signed		Date	
Candice Lakin		09/06/2025	

Please attach any photographs you are able to share with us about the project funded. These will be used to publicise your grant award and to promote the Crewe Town Council Small Grants Scheme.



Crewe Town Council Small Grants Scheme End of Grant Report



Please complete, sign and return this form as soon as your project has finished

Project Name: Crewe Show In A Month		
£1000.00		
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14/10/2024

How was your grant spent?

Date of award:

Please give a breakdown of the items or activities funded by the grant award from Crewe Town Council

Item or activity	Actual total cost of the item / activity for the project	Amount of Crewe Town Council grant spent on item / activity
Sophie Lowe Workshop Facilitator Fees - Feb/March (3 days + 1 evening + 4x travel)	600	550
Harry Medcalf Supporting Workshop Facilitator - Feb (2 days + travel)	250	175
Sophie Lowe Workshop Facilitator Fees - April (2 days + travel)	350	0
Lucy Niemczyk Workshop Facilitator Fees - April (1 day + travel)	150	0
Lucy Workshop Facilitator Fees - April (1 Niemczyk day + travel)	252	0
Venue Hire - The Andrews Scout Hut - 21/02 (6 hours)	73	0
St Thomas More Drama Studio - 11/03 ((2 hours)	60	0
Meta Digital Ads Spend (127,000 advert views, 57,000 reach, 922 clicks)	275	275
Total amount spent	£2010	£1000

If how you spent your grant is different to what you put in your application form, you must explain why and advise how this has allowed you to achieve you? outcomes.

At the start of this grant RicNic's presence in Crewe was at risk as we struggled to engage the 16-22 demographic in any activity outside of formal educational settings. We tried to deliver the Show In A Month programme initially planned for this grant, however found that we were struggling to recruit young people to take part, in part due to the multiple session commitment required. As a result, at short notice we took the decision to make it easier for young people to attend and remove barriers by running standalone sessions, utilising the existing venue hire commitments that would otherwise have been lost (but were already paid for). We also ran sessions focussing on wider age groups, from ages 8 upwards. This allowed us to provide benefit for these groups, and find a way of engaging with this age group and cementing our presence and reputation in Crewe. Paid Meta (Facebook and Instagram) advertisements allowed us to reach parents of young people, who subsequently booked onto workshops, and this is a model that we have continue to use to spread the word about our events. Having obtained grant funding from other sources we then ran further workshops across the Easter Holidays. We have since been able to engage ages 13-18 in voiceover and Acting Through Song workshops, advertised in the same way, and will continue to build this provision and awareness. We are now looking to further develop our presence in Crewe, such as through collaboration with the Crewe Creates ArtSpace, and will continue to build awareness of our offering through half term workshops, subject to funding.

Our paid adverts have had 127000 views, a reach of 57000, and 922 clicks, raising significant awareness of our activity.

Activity Moana 2 workshop (8-11) – 18 free places booked, 12 attended Wicked workshop (12-15) – 22 free places booked, 13 attended Drop-In Craft workshop (all ages) – 25 attended Voiceover workshop (13-18) – 12 free places booked, 7 attended Play In A Day workshop (8-13) – 12 free places booked, 10 attended, 23 friends/family attended sharing Annie workshop (8-11) – 18 free places booked, 13 attended Drama/Devising theatre workshop (12-16) – 18 free places booked, 13 attended Aladdin workshop with Sinead Kenny (West end performer) (8-13) – 18 free places booked, 15 attended Acting Through Song workshop with Sinead Kenny (13-18) – 8 free places booked, 5 attended

What has your project achieved?

Tell us about the difference your project has made to the local community in Crewe

This project has allowed us to reinvent RicNic's activity in Crewe and provide a free experience of the performing arts and potential creative careers to young people from the local area. For the younger age ranges this might look like inspiring creativity or developing a lifelong love of performing or the arts. For the older ranges this looks like the development of a model that is more skills-focused, specialising in a subject such as voiceover or acting through song and allowing a deep dive into something for which opportunities don't exist prevalently in the local area. This also develops confidence and soft skills As a case study of one individual:

George attended the voiceover workshop but for the first half hour refused to leave the car and enter the building, suffering from severe anxiety despite his mum's encouragement. The second half hour George spent in the corridor outside of the workshop, with his mum encouraging him to enter the space but this being daunting with the workshop already underway. After several failed invitations into the space, I spoke to George and explained who was in the room, what was happening, and invited him to enter with me and observe only; no participation needed. After taking a deep breath and counting 1,2,3, we entered the room together and George got settled on a chair in the corner to observe.

Shortly after, having stayed in the room for a few minutes, I sat with George and undertook the 'dream destinations tile' activity which had been developed for our workshops in Adelaide SEN setting (previously funded by CCF) and George drew his dream holiday; Norway, complete with Fjords, mountains, and a boat.

Sophie then sat with George and encouraged him to write a story about the boat, which George did, ands Sophie recorded this in the voiceover session for him.

How many people directly benefited from the grant? 136

Tell us the wider benefits you feel it has had to the community

These workshops provided free accessible activities for parents across Crewe, at a time when many activities have a cost attached and many people are struggling due to the Cost of Living crisis. Encouraging free engagement supports meaningful development of relationships with parents, including signposting to other organisations, achieved through opportunities for parents to get involved or attend alongside the young people involved (such as through the Play In A Day family and friends sharing, or the drop-in craft day) and we hope that the fact these are free activities reduces the financial burden of an engaging and enriching half term activity programme.

Is there anything you would have done differently?

In future projects we will acknowledge that programmes aimed at older teens (who make their own decisions about what to attend, rather than being parent led), and which have a lasting commitment (i.e. the 4 evening sessions and one daytime session planned for this project) will require a longer lead time for marketing and will be primarily recruited from existing connections (schools and colleges). For audience development and reaching new audiences we will focus on shorter commitment one-off sessions, with a view to developing a regular audience within this and then signposting to our other work, or creating further projects based on existing interest levels.

In one of the earlier sessions a wheelchair user attended a session for which we had not gathered access requirements in advance, meaning our facilitator felt unprepared to lead a dance workshop for them. We are now exploring disability-specific training for workshops facilitators, have made it a part of our signup process for events to gather this information, and ensure that all of our venues are fully accessible (the Play In A Day workshop was initially planned to take place in the Lyceum Theatre Studio, for example, and this had to be relocated as this was not wheelchair accessible despite being advertised as such).

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Please attach any photographs you are able to share with us about the project funded. These will be used to publicise your grant award and to promote the Crewe Town Council Small Grants Scheme.



Crewe Town Council Small Grants Scheme End of Grant Report

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Project Name: Studio Accessibility For All

Organisation Name: The Cat Community Radio CIC		
Grant Award received from Crewe Town Council:	£1,215.00	
Date of award:	4/6/24	

How was your grant spent?

Please give a breakdown of the items or activities funded by the grant award from Crewe Town Council

Item or activity	Actual total cost of the item / activity for the project	Amount of Crewe Town Council grant spent on item / activity
Rodecaster Pro II Control Surfaces x 2	£1210	
Behringer X Touch Control Surface x 2	£606	
MITTZON Desk sit/stand, electric oak veneer/black x 3	£1215	£1215
29inch Computer Monitor x 3	£498	
Computer Hardware MBA	£1200	
Total amount spent	£4729	£1215

If how you spent your grant is different to what you put in your application form, you must explain why and advise how this has allowed you to achieve your outcomes.

What has your project achieved?

Tell us about the difference your project has made to the local community in Crewe

It has enabled us to cater for one of presenter who is disabled and relies on a mobility scooter to get around. He is now able to sit comfortably to present his show. It has also improved the comfort or our other presenter who use the studio for between 2 and 3 hours at a time. We have also been able to have guests who have additional needs.

How many people directly benefited from the grant? All of our 47 volunteers and a number of guests per week.

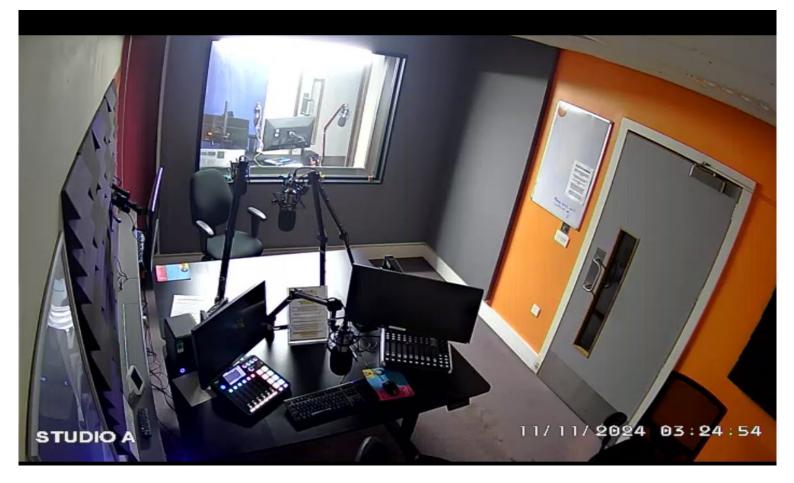
Tell us the wider benefits you feel it has had to the community

Making the studios more accessible has meant that volunteers and guests are more encouraged and motivated to use our studio facilities and communicate via radio programmed and podcasts, engaging and connecting the local population with local services, businesses, community groups and events.

Is there anything you would have done differently? No

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Please attach any photographs you are able to share with us about the project funded. These will be used to publicise your grant award and to promote the Crewe Town Council Small Grants Scheme. I give permission for the images to be shared (please tick)





REPORT STATEMENT

Meeting:	Community Committee – 15 th July 2025
Report Purpose:	Remembrance Sunday increase of annual budget
Version Control:	v1
Author:	Community Manager

- Summary: To seek to allocate an additional £1500 from the Wellbeing Budget 470 4767 under the current approved allocation for the Tree of Light service, to the Remembrance Sunday allocation which will increase it from £8500 to £10,000 and decrease the Tree of Light allocation from £5000 to £3500.
- 2. **Background:** At the Community Committee Meeting held in July 2024 members agreed to increase the Remembrance Sunday allocation from £6000 to £8500 to fund the delivery of the 2024 Remembrance Sunday service. The full allocation was used.

3. **Position:**

Due to an increase in costs and changes in the purple book guidance, the annual costs have again increased considerably. To keep everybody safe we are having to increase the first aid provision to include a doctor due to the high number of attendees and the demographic. Please see table below detailing quotes received to date to deliver this year's event:

Remembrance Sunday	
costings 2024	
Medical	£1500
Security	£1000
Traffic Management	£2100
Event Delivery	£3000
Printing	£250
Refreshments	£300
Brass Band	£400
Misc (Tommy, Decs, materials etc)	£1000
Total	£9550

- 4. **Equality Impact:** All services delivered to meet the aims and the requirements of the Equality & Diversity Policy and any associated equality legislation.
- 5. **Sustainability Impact:** This is intended to support the delivery of the Remembrance Sunday event.

Governance: Crewe Town Council Community Plan Crewe Town Council Corporate Strategy Crewe Town Council Financial Regulations Local Government Act 2011

- 8. **Financial Impact:** No further financial impact.
- 9. **Resource Impact:** Officer time.
- 10. **Consultation/Engagement:** Local community partners
- 11. Wards Affected: All wards

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- 12. **Conclusions:** The increase in the Remembrance Sunday pre existing budget line reflects cost and compliance with the changes in purple book guidance and in the increase in attendance numbers.
- 13. **Consideration Sought:** That members agree to increase the budget to enable delivery of the event.



REPORT STATEMENT

Meeting:Community Committee – 15th July 2025Report Purpose:Business Delivery Plan UpdateVersion Control:v1Author:Community Manager

- 1. **Report Summary:** To provide an update to members on the progress of the Business Delivery Plan.
- 2. Background: The Community Committee approved Business Delivery Plan attached for the year 2025-26.
- 3. Position: The Committee Budget is set out in the table below:

• Grants:

There are **7** applications for consideration at this meeting totaling: **£14669.92** The YTD approvals (before this meeting) total: £9241

Remembrance Sunday service - £8500 allocation

Please see agenda item 9

• Tree of Light service – £5000 allocation

At the last Community Committee Meeting held on 27th May 2025, members voted to relocate this event to Lyceum Square for operational and safety reasons. Cheshire East Bereavement Services support this decision and would welcome some involvement. Permissions have been sought and planning is underway. Please see Agenda item 9

• Pop up in the Parks – Year 3 of 3

We are in Year 3 of a 3 year agreement with Everybody Leisure to deliver these green space and health & wellbeing sessions aimed at families and adults over 18 years. Session details below:

From 16th June until 12th September (inclusive):

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- Queens Park Morning Rise Pilates Friday 7am 8am
- Queens Park Café Board Games Fun Thurs 11am-12pm
- Westminster Street Park Family Fun Zone Tues 4pm 5pm
- Lansdown Rd Park Family Fun Zone Tues 5.15pm 6.15pm



• St Andrew's / St Peter's Church – Service Level agreement issued defining the responsibility of both parties.

As per the Service Level Agreement - evaluation will be provided mid-way through the project.



• The Wishing Well – Street Sports project. Year 2 of 3

We are in Year 2 of a 3 year agreement in partnership with The Wishing Well to deliver these green space and health & wellbeing sessions aimed at families an children.

Session details below:

Tuesday 1st July - Friday 31st October 2025 (inclusive) between 5-6pm.



• The Wishing Well – Supported Adults. Year 3 of 3

The 3rd year of funding has been paid which is being put to great use already. A BBQ is planned to showcase the space and the Mayor will be invited to attend. As per the Service Level Agreement evaluation will be provided mid-way through the project.

Together We Grow **^^** - Statement from the Wishing Well

Year 3 takes root!

Our Supported Adults and carers step forward to shape the future of our garden project From a seed of an idea to a flourishing community space — our "Together We Grow" garden project is now proudly in its third year!

Year 1: We laid the groundwork - building infrastructure, raised beds, and creating a welcoming, accessible space for all.

Year 2: We grew stronger - producing fresh fruits and vegetables, installing our potting shed, and running cooking sessions that brought the community together around food and friendship.

Year 3: We're planting for the future. We're proud to launch our "GARDEN BUDDIES" supported adults and carers who will lead the way in tending and nurturing the garden for years to come.

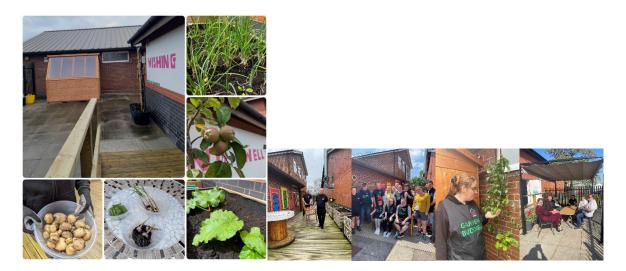
This space has become more than a garden — it's a haven for wellbeing, where nature, purpose, and people come together. We've seen first-hand how growing, harvesting, and simply being outdoors has supported mental health and emotional wellbeing in truly meaningful way.

All of this has been possible thanks to a collaboration of kindness - from our generous funders **Crewe Town Council**, donations from Watts Commercial Finance Ltd & Lyceum Theatre.

Skill donors, social value Balfour Beatty plc, Aureos and community supporters, to every individual who has given time, energy, or a helping hand along the way.

Together, we've grown more than vegetables. We've cultivated confidence, connection, inclusion & empowered a community.

Here's to continuing this journey - where every seed planted is a symbol of hope, and every act of kindness strengthens the roots of our "Together We Grow" legacy. "Together we achieve great things"



The 3rd year of funding has been paid and is being put to great use. As per the Service Level Agreement - evaluation will be provided mid-way through the project.

• White Ribbon:

WE are supporting a White Ribbon event at Crewe Station 7th August. The next Steering group meeting is on 14th July – feedback will be given on the next agenda.

• Female Mental Health

Year 1 of 3 Period dignity and wellbeing sessions delivered by Her Place (formerly Motherwell). As per the Service Level Agreement - evaluation will be provided mid-way through the project.

• Bereavement Counselling – Dove Buddies Year 1 of 3.

As per the Service Level Agreement - evaluation will be provided mid-way through the project.



• Veterans Support

RBL Crewe Branch – We are supporting the RBL with various events throughout the year. We supported the delivery of the VE Day 80^{th} Anniversary on 8^{th} May and have committed support to the delivery of the VJ day service to be held in Queens Park on 15^{th} August

• Dementia Friendly Crewe – The Afternoon Club Year 3 of 3

As per the Service Level Agreement - evaluation will be provided mid-way through the project.

• Debt Counselling Support - Chance Changing Lives – Year 2 of 2 Awaiting progress report.

• Youth Federation Event

A tentative date has been set for 30th August in Queens Park

• Crucial Crewe – Child Safety Media Year 3 of 3

Evaluation will be provided after the event has taken place.

• Male Mental Health – Wilderness Tribe – Year 3 of 3

As per the Service Level Agreement - evaluation will be provided mid-way through the project.

The free to attend (for Crewe residents) 'bushcraft and brews' sessions are delivered on the 1st Thursday of every month between 10.30am – 12.30am at Appollo Wood, Buckingham Health Sciences Campus.



• Male Mental health – Swans CIC – Funded through the grants scheme



- **Community Awards / Networking Event** Tentative date set: 24th February 2026. Venue quotes are being obtained.
- Defib update

CTC Stickers have been placed on all 9 of our defibs and cabinets.



• Food in Crewe - Community Fridges The project is still in the planning stages. Updates will be provided as the project progresses. • Community Service Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) allocated funding

Funding provided so far this year:

• CE Filipino Community Group

We are supporting the event with some funding and comms help. Full evaluation will be provided after the event.

Here are the details of their *draft* leaflets:



• Alpha Omega WPS Foundation update:

This project was funded in the last financial year but was delayed due to operational reasons. The project is now scheduled to finish in September. Full evaluation will be provided at the October Committee meeting. Details below:



Free Online Training Workshop for Professionals in Crewe

We are thrilled to invite professionals in Crewe to a FREE training workshop generously supported by Crewe Town Council.

This workshop is designed to provide essential insights into Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), forced marriages, and fostering inclusion and diversity in professional settings.

Workshop Details: Date: 21st May 2025 Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Format: Online

Why Attend?

💛 Gain practical strategies for addressing FGM and forced marriages.

💛 Learn how to create inclusive and diverse environments in your workplace.

🝀 Enhance your professional knowledge and skills.

Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to book your place as soon as possible using the link below: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1336569237569...

Don't miss this valuable opportunity to learn, connect, and grow professionally.

We look forward to seeing you there!

<u>#FreeTraining</u> #CreweTownCouncil #InclusionAndDiversity #ProfessionalDevelopment #FGMawareness See less

St Paul's Centre

As part of the funding allocation given to St Paul's Centre annually, they use some of it to support their Sunday Luncheon Club. Here is an update provided by St Paul's:

St Paul's Centre, Sunday Luncheon Club

This combined initiative between St Paul's and **Crewe Town Council** continues to bring a serving of warmth, comfort and joy to local people, helping to combat loneliness and isolation....just like the comforting traditional, favourite desert of warm APPLE PIE!

THE APPLE PIE CLUB

Named with the comforting traditional desert in mind, the club embodies a welcoming atmosphere with a nod to nostalgia and community spirit. Our recent gatherings on Sunday the 4th of May on Sunday the 1st of June were filled with laughter shared memories and delicious meals. Below is a detailed report of these two memorable events, drawing on the data recently collected from our diners eg: DOB, Emergency Contacts Details, Allergen details and addresses enable us to provide safe and knowledgeable support for Apple Pie members.

Sunday 4th May 2025: 80th Anniversary Celebration of VE Day

The APPLE PIE CLUB marked the 80th anniversary of the day with a vibrant and nostalgic gathering that transported our 22 diners back in time. The café was adorned with traditional bunting and flags setting a festive mood. A highlight was the vintage record player along with collection of records featuring classics by Max Bygraves and Vera Lynn. The toe tapping music sparked a lively singalong, with many sharing stories of where they were 80 years ago fostering a deep sense of connection.

Ambiance and activities

Proper teapots, and china cups and saucers were dusted off and our guests were thrilled to be served a proper cup of tea from a proper cup and saucer, adding an elegant nostalgic touch that delighted the attendees. We all giggled as they held out pinkies out!

Peter Ollerhead Crewe History Books were placed on the tables, these sparked animated conversation, and our members shared memories of the town. They openly discussed how some of the streets in Crewe got their names and particular interest was paid to the rise and development of the Crewe Railway. Such happy memories of family and friends, schools and demolished buildings. One of our members noticed that he was in a photograph in the book, he was stood with his departed family members, this was a very special moment and brought the whole room together.

The Old Lady of the Pantry, St Paul's old red tricycle which has recently been refurbished, was on display and some of our members could actually remember this being used to deliver food to those in need around the Crewe Streets. We furbished the trike with handlebar streamers, and an old honky horn this proved a great attraction amusing everybody an adding a playful element to the day **Menu**

Roast lamb with mint sauce, rich gravy and creamy mashed potatoes with seasonal vegetables a hearty comforting meal. Our signature Apple Pie with delicious, sweet custard; a crowned favourite that perfectly aligns with the club's warmth and inviting ethos, followed by coffee and mint chocolates.

The meal was a triumph with diners complimenting the flavours and the care put into the presentation. As our beloved cook, Sue, left the café we honked the tricycle horn prompting a rousing cheer from all attendees, a fitting tribute to her culinary efforts. The event was a resounding success with joyful conversation and a strong sense of local community and friendship.

The newly collected data ensured all dishes were allergen free, for attendees with specific dietary needs, the date of birth information allows us to note upcoming birthdays ensuring home-made personalised St Paul's birthday cards with personal greetings are handed to our members for their special days, one of our members told us that he hadn't received a birthday card from anyone for b***dy years ! (These cards are beautifully made by our St Paul's FUTURES TEAM, Young Adults with Learning Difficulties.)

Sunday 1st of June 2025 - A lively Roast Chicken Gathering

Our June gathering continued the APPLE PIE CLUB tradition of warmth and camaraderie with a few new additions that made the day extra special. The café buzzed with energy as 20 diners enjoyed a traditional roast chicken dinner with all the trimmings followed by a very popular apple and blackberry sponge and custard. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and music and meaningful connections, ambiance and activities the china cups and saucers have become a beloved staple with diners appreciating the nostalgic charm they bring to their cuppa.

After our vintage record player was purchased by one of our club members at our May event, along with our nostalgic records collection, we have now been furnished with a brilliant new CD player with a wide selection of CD's, this kept the music flowing : ABBA's Mamma Mia tracks were a hit with everyone singing along enthusiastically.

Our Cafe has become a PreLoved School Uniform hub, as we support our local Primary School each Thursday afternoon we therefore have a display of PRE-LOVED FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM, in the cafe, this display and stock interests several of our lady club members, who asked if they could take some uniform for their grandchildren and of course this was a pleasure to provide, our ladies even took a little time refolding and enjoyed sorting the stock. We also passed around a huge box of 'random greeting cards' allowing diners to take all kinds of cards, free of charge, some generously gave a token donation, this enhanced the further strengthening the sense of community.

We now have made a connection with PERIOD POWER and so can offer a selection of free sanitary & incontinence items to our club members, these are positioned discretely in our washrooms and are taken freely.

Menu

Roast chicken in with all the trimmings including perfectly seasoned vegetables and gravy. Apple and blackberry sponge with custard reinforcing the clubs comforting theme. Coffee and mint chocolates. As in May we honoured our cook, Sue, with a honk of the red tricycles horn and a hearty cheer as she departed, a gesture that has become a fun and cherish tradition the atmosphere was electric with diners leaving with smiles and a renewed sense of belonging.

Community Impact

Both gatherings exemplified the APPLE PIE CLUB's mission to combat loneliness and foster connection through shared meals and meaningful activities. The nostalgic elements, vintage music, china cups and refurbished tricycle created a warm inviting atmosphere that resonated deeply with attendees. The addition of the free preloved school uniform hub and sanitary items in June highlighted the club's growing role as a community resource extending its impact beyond meals to practical support for our local Crewe residents.

Attendees: An average of 22 diners at each event with consistent and growing engagement. *Allergen* : Requirements successfully catered for, using collected data.

Community interest: from the greeting cards sharing and the school uniform for grandchildren underscored the club's reciprocal spirit additionally sanitary items were all well received.

FORWARD PLANS

Looking ahead the APPLE PIE CLUB plans to continue incorporating nostalgic and community focused elements such as themed decorations, music and new initiatives and interests; like the uniform hub. The data collected will enable us to personalise experiences further from birthday celebrations to

tailored support for access for those with mobility issues, we may even introduce a game of BINGO ! Looking forward to the July APPLIE PIE CLUB we have engaged with a new BEFRIENDING SERVICE running from Crewe St Mary's Church / The Caritas Centre, this team will join our APPLIE PIE CLUB on Sunday 6th July to promote how they can support our diners with companionship and befriending. GENERATIONAL BRIDGE PROJECT: As our relationship with Beechwood Primary School grows, we would like to introduce, an initiative bringing together the bright energy of local primary school children and the cherished wisdom of elderly, lonely and isolated individuals. This is in the early stages of conversation with the school.

The APPLE PIE CLUB's May and June gatherings were heartwarming successes blending delicious food, nostalgic charm and community spirit. From the VE day singalong to Abbas infectious tunes and from roast dinners to the beloved apple pie, these events brought people together in a way that truly reflects the club's warmth and comforting ethos. With the continued support of **Crewe Town Council** and the enthusiasm of our diners the APPLE PIE CLUB is not just a meal it is a celebration of connection, memory and togetherness.



• ASB report from the Public Services Manager

Community Committee Meeting 15th July 2025 Anti -social behaviour update. Public Services Manager

The Town Council liaises with partners to address issues of anti – social behaviour in Crewe, This can be through a variety of means, such as funding CCTV operations, maintaining public spaces to a high standard, encouraging the designing out of crime in new developments, community engagement and sharing of information and campaigns to educate or encourage improved community safety. Parks

Through the Council's funded activities in parks and Ranger service, the Town Council is able to monitor the use of spaces and any respond to issues such as vandalism , littering and other forms of ASB.

Over the past few months, the Public Services Manager has been working with Councillors and partners to record incidents and encourage support to address anti social behaviour, which has included over recent months; complaints of intimidating behaviour by groups of youths and some adults which interrupted organised games in two parks, vandalism of play equipment and the setting alight of cars on two occasions at Brookhouse Road park. Following the fire at Derby docks and subsequent further vandalism reported by our Rangers, we were able to request support from the police and CCTV to install a mobile camera to discourage any further targeting of the site. It has been agreed now to set up a parks ASB group to monitor the situation across a number of parks, review any available evidence and look at potential actions.

As a result of a discussions, Guinness Housing have offered to join any activity sessions being organised in Derby Docks as extra support. While current activities by Wishing Well have been cancelled they will look at this offer of support for future opportunities.

Fortunately the damaged climbing frame in Derby Docks play area will be replaced later this summer. This has only been made possible using contingency funding from the pocket parks project. **Town Centre**

An ASB group is being set up to look at the issues in the town centre on similar lines to the parks group. Available data would suggest that Crewe ASB is not disproportionality higher than other towns of similar size but a wider discussion has been initiated around the town centre issues which would appear to be under - reported. The data is being analysed to look at what actions can be taken to improve matters.

Incidents of ASB either reported or witnessed on a regular basis include:

Youths climbing on to the roof tops of properties, Inconsiderate cycling or use of e.bikes and scooters in pedestrianised areas, damage to trees and floral displays, graffiti, and street drinking leading to aggressive or abusive behaviour.

In May, intentional destruction of a tree was picked up through private cameras and further information was tracked through Council CCTV. The Police have picked up this matter and believe they have identified the person responsible. No further information is available at this time. In June, Yellow paint was thrown around Market Street. One person was picked up on CCTV and dealt with by the police at the time. Unfortunately the main culprit was not spotted but the individual caught spreading paint was made to clean up mess they had created. The Town Council funded specialist removal of the paint from the road and paving at a cost of around £450 On- going incidents of ASB in Jubilee Gardens have been reported by residents and more recently grounds maintenance staff have complained of intimidating behaviour which has made it difficult to maintain the park. As a result of this information coming to light, the matter has been referred to the Town Centre ASB group for consideration.

A project to deter ASB in the Jubilee Gardens area is currently subject of a planning application - to develop a Multi – use games area (MUGA) for part of the Jubilee Gardens site. The project is intended to encourage more positive use of the space with organised activities for the community and by controlling access to part of the site through management of the MUGA.. The infrastructure would accommodate a CCTV camera funded through Safer Streets funding. The planning decision is yet to be determined.

Also in close proximity to the site, regular littering with drinks cans and bottles at the rear of St Pauls Church has been addressed by the Rangers who requested the re-siting of a bin, demonstrating that sometimes the simplest of actions can make a positive improvement to a space.

New Community Strategy

A Request for Quotation brief was posted on our website on 4th June. We had **4** credible responses that were measured and scored against the brief by myself, Cllr Clark & Cllr Graham.

The 3 of us were unanimous in our selection of, 'All about People' who were awarded the contract on 4th July.

An initial meeting will be arranged with them within the next 2 weeks and all Community Committee members will be invited to attend.

- 4 **Equality Impact**: Available to all. All services delivered to meet the aims and requirements of the Equality & Diversity policy and any associated legislation.
- 1. **Sustainability Impact**: Projects are progressed on the basis of social, economic and environmental sustainability where practicable.
- 2. **Community Impact**: Positively impacts the health and wellbeing of residents living within the Crewe town boundary.

3. Governance:

CTC Community Plan CTC Corporate Strategy CTC Financial Regulations Local Government Act 2011

- 4. **Financial Impact**: From approved budget 2025-26
- 5. **Resource Impact**: The Community Managers time is dedicated to the delivery of the Community Plan / Strategy throughout the year. Members are involved in the process. Occasional event support from other Officers.
- 6. Consultation/Engagement: Community Manager and Community Groups
- 7. Wards Affected: All
- 8. **Conclusions**: Update provided on all areas of the business delivery plan. Either completed or in progress.
- 9. **Consideration Sought:** To make members aware of projects delivered and pending during this financial year.



REPORT STATEMENT

Meeting:	Community Committee (15.07. 2025)
Report Purpose:	Committee budget considerations
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1. **Report Summary**

This report presents proposed draft budget for 2026/27

2. Background

Crewe Town Council sets its precept requirements at the December meeting of council. Prior to this members and committees are asked to inform the budget setting process at committee level as well as members expressing views individually.

Through the process the budget drafts develop and are shared with the Finance and Governance Committee for oversight prior to reporting to Council. The committee associated budget for the Community Committee in 2026/27 is £182,172.

3. **Position**

The revised budget proposal is as follows:

CREWE TOWN COUNCIL DRAFT BUDGET REQUIREMENT CALCULATION 2026/27						
	2025/26	2025/26	2026/27	2026/27	NET	
	Budget	Budget	Draft	Draft	OPERATING	
	expenditure	Income	Budget	Budget	EXPENDITURE	
			Expenditure	Income	& INCOME	
					2026/27	
COMMUNITY						
Grants						
Grants Scheme	30000		30000		30000	
Community Plan						
Sustaining Network	15000		15000		15000	
Community Development						
Commissioning	10000		10000		10000	
Tree of Light	3500		4000		3500	
Health & Wellbeing	60000		70000		70000	
Remembrance	10000		12000		12000	
Libraries					0	
Library Funding	39973		41172		41172	
Anti-Social Behaviour Projects	0		0		0	
Total Community Plan Costs	168473	0	182172	0	182172	

This current draft represents an increase of £13699 (8.1%) on the 25/26 budget.

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There are no other proposed increases, although members may choose to consider if the areas of work are aligned with corporate aims.

4. Conclusions

The increase in the Remembrance Sunday pre-existing budget line reflect cost increases and compliance with the changes in purple book legislation. The increase in the funding allocation for the Library is in line with inflation.

5. Consideration Sought

* The above is a draft that will be reported to (subject to committee amendment) the Finance and Governance Committee before including of the full council draft budget being present to council in September as an update on budget setting progress.

* All increases in costs will impact on the level of precept required and the potential increase that might lead to for council tax payers in Crewe.