



## Boughton Aluph & Eastwell

PARISH COUNCIL

### Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council Grant Scheme 2026-2027

#### Who can apply?

- Community groups & charities. The group must have a bank account (in its own name). We will also need a constitution/rules/structure to know about how it runs. Please contact the Clerk for advice if you have any questions about eligibility.
- Groups that serve the community & residents of Boughton Aluph & Eastwell.

#### How much can you apply for?

- up to £500, or up to £600 if a very strong local connection can be evidenced

#### What can we spend it on?

- All ideas are welcome, but it can't benefit only one individual or a business. The receiving organisation needs to use the funds, not just save them or grant them onwards.
- It *must* benefit members of the community and the Parish Council must be permitted to fund the activity. How much can be awarded will depend on the proposed benefit.

#### You will need to explain

- how your plans will benefit the residents of Boughton Aluph & Eastwell (*very important*)
- who is able to get involved or is likely to take part, in the case that this is a discrete group (for example a Youth Group, or application from a School PTA) the Parish Council will need to know the number of members that are resident in the Parish
- what you plan to spend the money on
- if there is any other funding involved and where that is coming from even if the Parish Council funding will be a small part of the overall project

#### Your group will need to have & provide a copy to the PC of:

- your group's constitution (e.g. a governing document or organisational plan)
- a recent bank statement (to confirm the name and account number)
- your most recent accounts available

#### How do we apply?

- Fill in the form online (or contact the Clerk for alternative formats if you cannot access this form).

## FAQs

### Can my group apply again?

Yes, if your application is unsuccessful. If you receive a grant you will have to wait until the next Financial Year (starting in April 2027) to apply again.

### Can we appeal a decision?

No, but you can apply again for a grant (something about your application will need to have changed). Please contact the Clerk for advice.

### I have a great idea but we're not a formal group. Why do we need to be a group?

Grant money comes from residents as part of your Council Tax. The Parish Council needs to be sure that money is spent fairly and isn't controlled by one person. We need to see that the group will be accountable for spending the money.

### Can you reimburse what we have already spent?

No, unfortunately this is not possible.

### Who decides if we get the money?

When all the information has been received, the Parish Council will consider the application at a Parish Council meeting and decide on whether and how much to fund. Please start your application in plenty of time.

### Can we appeal a decision?

No, but you can apply again for a grant (something about your application will need to have changed). Please contact the Clerk for advice.

### How quickly can we get a grant?

We'll work with you to make sure your application is ready, you'll know at which meeting it will be decided. After a decision you shouldn't need to wait any longer than a week to receive the money.

### Can you help with our application?

Yes, please get in touch with any questions or your idea. We can also help make sure you have all your documents ready and have answers ready to any likely questions from the council.

### How long do we have to spend the money?

You will need to spend the money within 18 months of receiving it. Please contact us if there are any problems as we may be able to help.

### How much funding is there in total?

£3500 has been allocated for the financial year 2026-2027. Each year when the budget is decided any grant money totals are also decided.

## What if our project or plans don't go ahead?

Please get in touch as soon as you know. Your group will need to spend the money on what it has been given for or return it, however *it may* be possible to allow its use for something else, but you must speak to us first.

## Where can we find information about other grants?

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/community-grants-and-funding>

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