



Boughton Aluph & Eastwell PARISH COUNCIL

Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council Grant Scheme 2023-2024

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.

How much can you apply for?

- up to £500

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.
- It *must* benefit members of the community and the Parish Council must be permitted to fund the activity, and how much can be awarded will depend on the proposed benefit.

You will need to explain

- how your idea/project will benefit the residents of Boughton Aluph & Eastwell (this is *very* important)
- who is able to get involved or is likely to take part
- what you plan to spend the money on
- if there is any other funding involved and where that is coming from

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
- 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 2024) to apply again.

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?

I am afraid that we can't.

Who decides if we get the money?

When we have all the information that we need, 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.

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?

£1500 has been allocated for the financial year 2023-2024. 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 *sometimes* 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>