



## GRANT APPLICATION – Guidance Notes

The aim of Westerleigh Parish Councils' grant scheme is to promote and support community activity within the parish. By providing financial support for all kinds of organisations working for the benefit of residents, the Councils intention is to improve the range of activities and services across Westerleigh & Coalpit Heath.

Grants can be awarded to new as well as existing organisations. Here are some examples of the types of organisations who will be considered for grants:

Charitable groups                  Sports Clubs                  Playgroups                  Arts groups

Youth groups                  Free Advice organisations

Local Community/Voluntary Transport Schemes

.....and many others, which might include help and support for the elderly or the young; support local arts and culture; provide sports & recreation, or enhance the environment by conservation, recycling, planting etc

Grants are targeted at local organisations benefitting local people. **It is therefore not possible to consider providing a grant to a national organisation with no locally based group.**

Each application will be considered on its merits and grants will not necessarily be available on an annual basis. There is a limited budget each year. You will need to include accounts, or in the case of a new organisation, a budget. Details of what is needed are on the Application Form.

The Council will consider all applications at either a Full Council or a Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting, throughout the year.

### Eligibility Criteria

Grants will only be made to organisations that are properly constituted, non-profit making bodies, based in the Parish or can demonstrate a benefit to the residents of the Parish. Grants cannot be made to individuals, profit making organisations or national organisations unless the local branch can demonstrate a requirement to raise funds for its own projects.

If you have any queries please contact the Parish Clerk, Sue Simmons, using [westerleighpc@gmail.com](mailto:westerleighpc@gmail.com) or by calling 07530 312700