

INGOL AND TANTERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL GRANT AWARDING POLICY

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INGOL AND TANTERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD Council is committed to providing financial assistance and support to appropriate groups and organisations within the local community. This support is decided against criteria set by INGOL AND TANTERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD Council and provided in the form of a grant. Grants will be awarded to organisations that can demonstrate that they are likely to bring benefit to the neighbourhood as a whole or a significant number or group of persons residing within the Neighbourhood. INGOL AND TANTERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD Council are also committed to ensuring that any money is spent responsibly whilst ensuring value for money for local taxpayers.

AIMS OF THE GRANT AWARDS

INGOL AND TANTERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD Council awards grants to community organisations that can demonstrate that financial support will benefit the Neighbourhood by:

- Providing the opportunity for residents to take part in projects and activities
- Enhancing the Quality of Life of the residents of the Neighbourhood
- Improving the surroundings and environment
- Promoting Ingol and Tanterton in a positive way

GENERAL GRANT CONDITIONS

Grant awards are funded directly from the Neighbourhood Precept and eligible groups must be a 'not for profit' making body and must be formally constituted.

The availability of funds to support appropriate activities is dependent on the Council's overall financial position and grants therefore are likely to be restricted to amounts up to £200.00

The grant can only be used for the purpose stated in the application and the Council reserves the right to reclaim any grant not used for the specified purpose.

Grants must be spent within 1 year of award. Any unspent monies left after this time must be returned.

Organisations are responsible for ensuring that they are in compliance with all legal and statutory requirements.

Acknowledgement of the financial support received from the Council is required on documentation and any promotional material.

GRANT PROCESS

To ensure a consistent approach is applied to all requests for grants, INGOL AND TANTERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD Council will review applications using the following criteria:-

- The number of residents likely to benefit, or whether a specific category of residents would receive a specific benefit (eg children, the elderly, etc.)
- The Neighbourhood Council will not fund events or activities which can be fully funded by the relevant participants or which can or will be self supporting by means of donations, or grants from other organisations etc.
- Evidence of a well managed group including track record
- Financial sustainability and viability of group and/or project
- INGOL AND TANTERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD Council will not make general grants which cannot be specifically attributed to an identifiable project or activity.

APPLYING FOR GRANTS

- All organisations will be required to write in full to the Neighbourhood Council demonstrating clearly how the grant will be of benefit to the local community and how many individuals or what groups of residents will benefit
- A brief history of the organisation applying and constitution if appropriate
- Organisations will be required to submit copies of their accounts and/or a concise business plan along with brief details on how the money will be spent.
- All applications must be sent to the Clerk of the Neighbourhood Council
- All applications will be considered by the Council at its next available meeting following receipt of the request