



Full Council February 2026 Community Officer Report

Community Support Grant 2025

Mid Project Reports

We have now received reports from all Grant Recipients from last year.

Kings Mead School Chasing the Future project was requested to repay the £250 grant awarded as this was not spent as originally applied for. This was agreed by Full Council. In addition, Kingsmead School are also returning the grant of £465 for the animal enclosure project as they cannot confirm a date when this would be completed and might not be completed.

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Applications

The Grant is live and the deadline for applications is midnight on Saturday 28th February. We will not accept applications after this date. If you are aware of any groups or organisations that may wish to make an application, please make them aware of the deadline.

As of Tuesday 24th February we have had 11 applications. I am creating a synopsis of each applicant for you to see when we meet to assess the grant applications on Tuesday 17th March at 9.30am.

An appeal for applicants for the grant went out today on Hednesford Town Council Facebook site. I am happy to speak to anyone considering an application and to advise accordingly.

Wayfinding Bench Project Update

Artist Anthony Hammond has supplied us with five designs from which we are asked to select two to form the ends of our new bench. This has gone out to public consultation as agreed by Full Council and people are asked to vote for their two favourites. To complete the vote people can either scan the QR code on the poster (attached) or fill in a voting slip here at PGCC.

Posters are in our HTC notice boards

The winning two designs will be announced after the vote closes on Wednesday 18th March.

The bench will form part of the new Wayfinding Wonders trail on Cannock Chase, due to be opened later this year. I will keep Councillors informed as to when this will be so they can attend a formal launch.

Please take a moment after the meeting to cast your vote!

Date Reminder / Annual Town Assembly

The Annual Town Assembly will be held at Pye Green Community Centre on Friday 10th April. 6.30pm – 9.30pm. Invitations will be going out shortly to all local groups, organisations and key individuals.

There will be a presentation by a group that benefitted from the 2025 Community Support Grant and a chance to network with community groups, organisations and individuals from the Hednesford area.

Awardees for the Community Support Grant 2026 will be formally presented with Grant Award Certificates

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