



Synopsis of all HTC Community Support Grant Applications 2026

20 Applications Received

3a. AFC Greenheath

Project

To cover the cost of pitch fees during the summer and additional equipment including water bottles and footballs. **No support documentation has yet been received despite reminders**

Grant requested

£500 – **NOTE Costings only come to £390**

Costings

Footballs £60

Pitch Fees £300

Water Bottles £30

3b. Burntwood First Responders

Project

Burntwood & District First Responders is a voluntary organisation that responds to 999 calls on behalf of the West Midlands Ambulance Service. They have two response vehicles that cover both the Burntwood area and Cannock Chase. In the past year they attended 124 calls in the Hednesford area.

BDFR need to replace a Suction Unit, used in critical care and removal of fluid from wounds and airways, one in each vehicle so it meets with current standards. Each unit costs £1865.99 each

Grant Requested

£500

Costing

The £500 grant to go towards the purchase of 2 x Lateral Suction Units costed at £1865.99 each.

BDFR will be applying for funding from other Town and Parish Councils as well as their own fundraising

3c. Cannock Cricket Club

Project

To offer young people in the Hednesford community 25 half price junior memberships for the 2026 season. They will accept only applicants with a Hednesford address and postcode and applicants will have to come to at least 4 sessions before they qualify for a subsidised membership rate.

Grant Requested:

£500

Costing

Junior membership is normally £40

To subsidise 25 discounted Junior memberships at £20 per membership

All membership fees go towards the costs of maintaining and developing the Club, equipment, qualifications and insurance for volunteers.

3d. Chase Lighthouse Furniture & Household

Project

Chase Lighthouse Furniture & Household Support is a volunteer led community group providing free essential household items, including furniture, white goods, bedding and in urgent cases food and toiletries. Referrals come from CCDC, Social Services and the Early Help Team.

Currently over 400 service users with over 100 from Hednesford postcodes.

CLFH are looking to secure storage for September to December 2026. This will accommodate small essentials such as bedding, crockery, curtains etc. Without secure storage of goods, ability to provide vital items to the community will be restricted.

Grant Requested:

£500

Costing

Storage Unit rent £144 month x 3 month at £432

Emergency food, toiletries, essentials to be used on balance of grant £68

3e. Cheslyn Hay and Cannock Chase Tennis Club

Project

Cheslyn Hay and Cannock Chase Tennis Club for Free Program at Hednesford Park on Sunday Morning February-November ran by volunteers. These sessions are open to everyone in the community particularly targeting lower socio-economic families and individuals.

The Tennis for Free sessions at Hednesford Park caters for all age groups beginners and intermediate sessions. Since 2015, the scheme has engaged 2100 attendees.

There is need for a re-refresh of equipment (tennis balls) to continue to provide enjoyable, safe and inclusive sessions for all. There will be different types of coloured Tennis with different bounces and speeds to allow all participants to have success.

The sessions each week are run by volunteers. **Awaiting Supporting Docs / reminder sent**

Grant Requested

£500 (Total costs £530.89 Club Funds to cover excess)

Costings

Tretorn Z Coaching Tennis Ball 8x36 ball bags £279.92

72 Tretorn Mini Tennis Balls (Orange / Yellow £82.99

72 Tretorn Mini Balls (Red / Yellow) £83.99

72 Tretorn Mini Balls (Green) £83.99

3f. Crystal Dance Academy

Project

Grant to provide free and subsidised dance and physical activity provision for children living in Hednesford, alongside the purchase of inclusive equipment required to deliver this safely and effectively.

The grant will be used to offer funded places during school holiday periods and targeted sessions for local families experiencing financial hardship, including those not eligible for Free School Meals All funded places will be allocated exclusively to Hednesford residents, identified through a registration process, which requires a home address and postcode.

Funding will also support the purchase of equipment, such as fusion balls, resistance bands, yoga blocks and an air roller. This improves accessibility, supports safe participation across a range of ages and abilities, and will remain in long-term use for future community provision.

Grant Requested:

£500

Costings

£300 – Contribution towards funded and sponsored places for Hednesford children during school holiday activity sessions, particularly for families not eligible for Free School Meals but experiencing financial hardship

£200 – Purchase of additional inclusive and safety equipment to support accessible delivery across a range of ages and abilities

This £500 will be match funded by our organisation, doubling the overall value of the project and ensuring strong value for money.

Funded activity places for Hednesford children

Quantity: Approx. 20–25 places

Cost per place: £12

Total: £300

Specialist inclusive dance and physical activity equipment (e.g. mats, balance and conditioning equipment)

Quantity: Multiple items

Total: £200

3g, Fireworks

Project

To provide a Day Visit outing to a farm for up to 30 Young Carers and provide them with a 'Goodie Bag' containing wellbeing support materials

The child carers will be residents of Hednesford. These children will be allocated via schools in Hednesford who Fireworks already have contact with. These schools include St Peter's PA, Pye Green Academy, West Hill PS, Kingsmead, Hazel Slade PA and Heath Hayes Academy

Grant Requested:

£500

Costings

£300 – farm visit

£200 – goodie bags for children which will include:

A Fireworks Wellbeing Journal - £40 – printing

Fidget toys - £30

A relax guide – £15 – Printing

Breathing technique guide and resources - £15

Worry worm - £15

Journal - £30

Pens - £10

Thankyou card - £10

Relaxation recording to download - £35

3h. Friends of Hednesford Community Volunteers

Project

Friends of Hednesford Community Volunteers work collaboratively and in partnership with other local voluntary groups. This allows ambitious and diverse projects to be created and delivered for the enrichment of Hednesford and its residents.

The project is to find and purchase a number of key historical books for the Heritage Collection currently housed in Hednesford Library in agreement with them. The project also involves the purchase of protective boxes and covers for some of the more fragile books. In addition Friends of Hednesford wish to replace weather damaged displays used for town centre displays.

Grant requested:

£360

Costings

Books for Collection £50

Protective covers for fragile books £100

6 x protective boxes for books £30

**Replacement of weather damaged displays including arches for Town Centre
£180**

3i. Friends of Hednesford Library

Project

Hednesford Library takes part in the National Reading Challenge each year. This is a national initiative to encourage children to read for pleasure. Hednesford Library plans to offer a range of activities such as craft sessions, and other creative activities alongside a tabletop games club, centred around the main theme of the Reading Challenge. Activities will take place every week throughout the 6 week summer holidays. Last year Hednesford Library supported approximately 220 children aged 11 and under with the Challenge.

**Grant Requested:
£500**

Costings

£50 for refreshments and decorations for Summer Reading Challenge Launch Event

£180 for healthy snacks and drinks in activity sessions during 6 week programme

£100. Purchase of books and pens for children who complete the Challenge

£60. Purchase of Lego to replenish supplies

£40. Purchase of tabletop games for Tabletop Games Club

£20. Purchase of card for certificates

£50 for celebration event for children who complete the challenge Refreshments / Prizes

3j. Hednesford Centennial Lions

Project

Hednesford Centennial Lions are part of the Lions International organisation. Members come from different backgrounds to support and deliver community projects and civic events.

The Lions are looking for funding to plant annual and perennials in the 3 circles on the slope of the Hednesford War Memorial gates and around the notice board

Grant Requested

£360 Total cost £369.80. (Additional costs to be covered by Lions funds)

Costing

Tray of bedding plants £99
Compost 3 x bags £25.95
Miracle Grow water storage gel x 3 £4.50
Plant Feed £13.50
Gap Weeder tool £21
Weed Puller £24.95
Hosta plants £120

3k. Hednesford Forest FC

Project

Hednesford Forest FC is a non-for-profit community football club based in Hednesford that provides regular affordable football opportunities for children and young people.

It is run entirely by volunteers and all funds are invested back into the club to keep participation costs low and ensure local families can join, regardless of income.

There is a need for replacement training equipment including balls, training bibs, cones and portable goal. These will make sessions safer and support weekly training sessions.

Grant requested:

£500 - Total £494.35

Costings

10 x Mitre balls (4 bags) £379.80
Bibs (4 packs) £39.96
Cones (50 Pack) £9.59
Forza Goal £65.00

3l. Hednesford in Partnership

Project

Replacement of Christmas decorations by the Clock Tower. After years of restoration and recent storm damage the decorations have reached the end of their lives. Replacements will be robust and more weather resistant. Extra funding will come from HiP funds and Hednesford Summer Festival fundraising such as the Tombola

**Grant Requested:
£500**

Costings

**£500 Materials
£300 Cutting services
£200 Graphic design**

3m. SNAP (Special Needs Adventure Playground)

Project

SNAP is a specialist play facility serving families in the Cannock, Hednesford and wider area. It provides inclusive play and social opportunities for children, young people and adults with physical and learning disabilities. The project is to pay for the annual servicing of the SNAP Sensory Room and funds towards buying new light up sensory equipment to provide extra visual stimulation and interactive play.

**Grant requested
£500**

Costings

**Annual Service of Sensory Room ££395.00
Contribution towards Sensory Room equipment (Lightbox, Infinity Mirror, Glow in the Dark equipment) £105**

3n. Songbirds in Harmony Ladies Choir

Project

Songbirds in Harmony are an all-ladies choir based in Hednesford who meet weekly for rehearsals at St Joseph's School, Hednesford. The Choir's current electric piano is not compatible with contemporary sound technology and needs replacement. There is also a need for a new piano stool. Both need to be portable for ease of transportation.

**Grant requested:
£500**

Costings

New piano and stool quoted at £668. Additional funding will be provided through group funds.

3o. Staffordshire Network for Mental Health

Project

Staffordshire Network for Mental Health is a community mental health charity supporting adults across Staffordshire with early practical support to improve wellbeing and reduce isolation.

Project to run a free 6 week wellbeing group at the community allotment (Cannock Stadium) at Hednesford to support Hednesford residents who are struggling with low mood, isolation and low confidence.

Participants will work together each week to prepare the plot, plant, weed and maintain the space. The focus is on small achievable tasks. The food grown will be picked and donated to the local foodbank.

The group will be led by an experienced volunteer with experience of poor mental health who has completed THRIVE training and holds Level 3 counselling qualification.

The project will use participant questionnaires to capture demographic and postcode information to keep track of who the project is reaching and track delivery against outcomes.

Grant requested

£500 + group are running small scale fundraising initiatives to support ongoing running costs and future development

Costings

Compost (15 bags) £200

Seeds (mixed veg 12 – 15 packs) £60

Pots and seed trays £40

Refreshments (6 sessions) £50

Leaflets / Posters design £50

Leaflet printing (500) £100

3p. Stand By Me

Project

An 8 month project. 'The Weight We Carry' is a portable interactive exhibition exploring the hidden impact of male suicide in Staffordshire. It will be designed to tour community venues in Hednesford and across Staffordshire. It will feature pull up banners displaying artwork poetry and photography from group members and other creatives. The exhibition seeks to challenge the stigma around male mental health and encourage open conversation and promote help seeking. The audience will be invited to share their thoughts on a portable Perspex wall, creating a growing piece of public art. A symbolic cloths rail installation will be part of the exhibition where garments carry anonymous thoughts as 'Thought Tags' Leaflets will provide clear signposting to help and support services.

The exhibition forms part of a wider Stand By Me suicide campaign.

Grant requested:

£500

Costings

Pull Up Banners / Printed Artwork £150

Clothing and hangers for installation and 'thought tags' £80

Perspex sheets and paint pens £100

Printing of exhibition photos £120

Leaflets and support materials £50

3q. St Peter's Primary Academy

Project

St Peter's Primary Academy is a local primary school serving children and families in Hednesford. Alongside delivering the statutory curriculum, the school places strong value on enrichment opportunities that support pupils' wider wellbeing, confidence, and readiness to learn.

Funding required to deliver a wellbeing enrichment programme for a small group of pupils who would benefit from additional emotional support beyond the core curriculum.

The project will provide 8 x Mini Me Mindfulness sessions for 10 pupils. Each child will also receive a reflective journal to reinforce learning and encourage self-reflection. Finally, to extend impact beyond the classroom, both teachers

and parents will be given free 30 day access to a mindset and wellbeing programme that supports adults with daily habits and positive routines

Following the programme the school will evaluate impact and consider how this type of non-statutory wellbeing support can be sustained through future school budgets, partnerships or additional grants.

Grant requested

£500

Costings

8x Mini Me Mindfulness Group Sessions at £50 per session. Total £400

Reflective Journals for pupils x 10. Total £100

30 days free access to Boss Your Morning mindset programme supporting teachers and parents. £ Zero cost

3r. Friends of Hednesford Park

Project

The organisation has been supporting the Bumblebee Conservation Trust for the past 3 years, carrying out monthly walks and monitoring the identity of bees and the flowers they visit. Supporting the pollinating bees is a challenge with the loss of wildflower meadows and pesticides.

They are looking for resources and equipment for their volunteers to propagate more flowers to support the bee population They also wish to purchase a solar powered watering system to water the flowers and plants in the protected beds by the Signal Box

Grant Requested:

£500

Costing

£120 3 x solar powered water irrigation systems

£30 15 pairs of gloves

£60. 10 trowels

£40 20 x Hi Viz Vests

£20 3 x black flexitubs

£20 Tomato Plants

£150 Sack of Crocus bulbs

£20 6 x Winter Heather plants

£30 6 x Hellebore Winter Christmas Roses

3s. Hednesford Salvation Army

Project

Salvation Army Hednesford Corps provides a Community Café and Food Table service. There is a growing demand and increased need to store and provide frozen meals and food as part of the service. Frozen food will also add to capacity of what can be provided and reduce food waste. There is therefore a need to purchase an additional 400 litre capacity freezer.

Grant Requested:

£500

Costing

Polar C Series Upright Freezer 365 Litre £899.48

The balance of the cost to be met by Hednesford Salvation Army Community Budget

3t. West Chadsmoor Family Centre

Project

West Chadsmoor Family Centre is an established local organisation offering a huge range of services to the local community and has significantly improved the health and wellbeing of the community and its residents.

The project is to provide food and other essential supplies for the Community Table for 2 weeks. This includes chilled foods, adult toiletries, and baby items which runs every Wednesday morning between 10am and 11am

Grant requested

£500

Costings for a single week (2 weeks applied for)

Groceries (Tinned and dry goods) £110

Chilled Food £55

Adult Toiletries £30

Baby items (nappies / baby wash) £55