

Hednesford Town Council

Community Support Grant Application Form 2026

SECTION 1

To be completed by all applicants

CONTACT AND ORGANISATION INFORMATION

Name of organisation / group	Cheslyn Hay & Cannock Chase Community Tennis Club (at Hednesford Park)
Name of individual completing application	Chris Perrin
Position within organisation	Secretary
Address and postcode of organisation	Hednesford Park Tennis Courts
Registered address if different to above	
Company number if applicable	
Charity number if applicable	
Company status i.e. Charity / Not for Profit / Community Interest Company	Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC)
If part of an affiliated / national organisation please state	LTA
Does your group have a constitution or set of rules? If YES please attach a copy	YES
Does your organisation have a bank account? If YES please attach the most recent bank statement	YES
Name of bank account signatories	Chris Perrin, James Perrin, Nigel Jones, Mark Ryndycz
Years / Months operating	13
Number of volunteers if applicable	20
Number of members if applicable	2100 participants since 2015 at Hednesford Park
Telephone number	

Email address	
Website	https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HednesfordPark

SECTION 2

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ABOUT YOU

Tell us about your group / organisation (max 200 words)

The groups aims is to 'open up' tennis to all ages and abilities by providing accessible, quality and inclusive tennis opportunities. This has had a big impact on health and social inclusion with over many people playing Tennis at the venue every week with many from challenging backgrounds. Hednesford Park Tennis for Free has made key differences to disadvantaged young people and adults lives through providing opportunities to become physically active alongside developing life skills. The community venue particularly targets disadvantaged and young people through Tennis for Free sessions for no cost with all equipment provided. This is in addition to a range of other sessions which are affordable and accessible for all of the community. We have engaged over 2900 new people to play and engage in Tennis since 2015. Our work was recognised by being awarded 2019 National Tennis Community Venue of the Year by the LTA.

Can you give a specific example of how your group / organisation has benefited the community and residents in Hednesford? (max 200 words)

We run Tennis 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. The sessions aim to break down the barriers of Tennis / Physical activity for all ages by providing all equipment, supportive coaches, a friendly community feel and no cost. Here is a video about the scheme with the participants we target:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=XVkowKANthc&feature=emb_title

SECTION 3

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PROJECT

Please explain your project (max 200 words)

The project aims to increase physical activity levels of the community through organised tennis for free sessions to support community engagement.
-Purchase additional appropriate Tennis balls to allow rotation of balls throughout different sessions. There is need for a re-refresh of equipment 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 ran by volunteers.

When will the project take place? Please note that grants cannot be awarded retrospectively

The project will take place every Sunday Morning 10-11:30am at Hednesford Park throughout 2026 running February-November 2026

How will your project benefit the residents and community of Hednesford? Your answer will be used to help panel members decide on your application so please be concise. Please provide number to be engaged, anticipated outcomes, expected impact

- Physical and mental health improvement.
- Opportunity to learn a new skill which will improve self-confidence and mental health, co-ordination and movement skills.
- Improved social skills by working with others e.g. learning to keep score, work together to learn new skill.
- Enable the Tennis for free scheme to continue running since 2015.

Please state clearly state why you believe this project or activity is required.(max 200 words)

This project will allow new equipment will allow Tennis for free to continue to run therefore allowing us to 'open tennis up' to all and reach disadvantaged families who need support to take part in physical activity. 56% of families in Staffordshire would like to take part in more Physical Activity and many since lockdown have struggled further with low self-confidence and motivation. Therefore these Tennis activities are essential in developing participation and creating a physical activity habit for life. Through our current work with disadvantaged and children with disabilities it is essential that these opportunities as we have seen first-hand the impact that Tennis can make. For instance, through our work with children with ASD and dyspraxia have supported youngsters them to cooperate with others, concentrate and understand boundaries. This has had positive transfer to other areas due to learning that can occur when participating within Tennis. The sessions each week are ran by volunteers.

What are your group / volunteers contributing / gaining from this project? (max 200 words)

We have made significant steps in making tennis accessible in the local area. Since humble beginning in 2015, now we have engaged over 2100 players. Our work was recognised by being awarded 2019 National Tennis Community Venue of the Year by the LTA. This is through providing affordable tennis to all and reaching out to the community we serve. We have a greater role than ever to reach out to all families to provide a accessible, safe and enjoyable Tennis experience at a community site. We are motivated to the 'power of Sport' to develop the character of young people and their capacity to significantly contribute to their community. This is in addition to particularly supporting with physical and mental health. The sessions each week are ran by volunteers.

If this is a new project and you want to carry it on in the future, how will you make sure it continues after the funding from the application has been used?

New equipment will allow the sessions to continue to be sustainable and run all year round. More qualified coaches will allow the sessions to continue to run safely and make enjoyable to all participates. This will ensure that the project can continue. The sessions each week are ran by volunteers.

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COSTS

The maximum grant that can be awarded is **£500.00**

Please state how much grant you are applying for and clearly detail how the grant funding is to be used? (max 200 words)

£500 – Purchase additional appropriate Tennis balls to allow rotation of balls throughout different sessions. There is need for a re-refresh of equipment 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 ran by volunteers.

Please provide an itemised breakdown of costs and detail the item / quantity / cost. Not providing this information may negatively impact the outcome of your application

Tretorn Z Coaching Tennis Ball - 36 ball Bag
8 × £34.99
×
Tretorn Orange/Yellow Mini Tennis BallsTretorn Orange/Yellow Mini Tennis Balls - 72 Ball Bag (6 Dozen)
1 × £82.99
×
The Tretorn Red/Yellow Mini Tennis BallsTretorn Red/Yellow Mini Tennis Balls - 72 Ball Bag (6 Dozen)
1 × £83.99

The Tretorn Green Mini Tennis BallsTretorn Green

Mini Tennis Balls - 72 Ball Bag (6 Dozen)

1 × £83.99

Total : £530.89

(aware grant will cover £500)

Is the total cost of the project greater than the amount applied for?

Yes

No

If YES, please tell us how you plan to raise the rest of the money. Please let us know if you have applied for other funding to make up the difference.

Club Funds

Have you received any grants from us previously?

Yes

No

If YES please state the date and amount.

2021 for equipment

Have you applied for other grants to support this project?

Yes

No

If YES please provide details including the name of the organisation and the level of funding you received.

Please detail fundraising efforts to date to support this project / idea including any sponsorship, crowdfunding, membership fees. (max 200 words)

Club funds to support other areas.

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Data Protection Statement

We need the information we ask for on this form to assess your grant application.

By submitting this application, you are consenting to us sharing appropriate information on this application with employees, Councillors and Grant Panel members. This information may be used for publicity purposes if the grant is awarded.

Media consent form

I consent to being photographed/recorded by Hednesford Town Council and authorise that the photos / recordings may be used in the following ways:

- In publicity materials, including printed publications, promotional videos, and digital media including Hednesford Town Council website and social media
- In news releases sent to the media, including local press

Name (please print)
behalf)

Chris Perrin

Signature (if under 18 a guardian must sign on

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Date

11/01/2026

If you'd like us to stop using an image / recording please let us know by emailing:
matthew.johnson@hednesford-tc.gov.uk or telephone **01543 424 872**

Under the 1998 Data Protection Act, your rights include:

- Your consent to the publication of your images can be withdrawn at any time
- Your images / recordings will not be used for any other purpose without your further consent
- The contact information you have provided will only be used to contact you about these images

Conditions of use

- We will not include personal e-mail, postal addresses or telephone numbers on video, our website or in printed publications and advertising
- We may use group or class images with very general labels such as 'Winners of Council grants'
- We may use the image in literature unrelated to when the picture was actually taken
- We may include your full name with the image

- We will retain your consent form for five years; however we reserve the right to store and retain the images/recordings in our archive indefinitely

Return application forms by midnight on 28th February 2026

By Post or in person to:

Community Grant Application
Hednesford Town Council
Pye Green Community Centre
Bradbury Lane
Hednesford
WS12 4EP

By Email to:

Community Grants - Matt Johnson, Community Officer
matthew.johnson@hednesford-tc.gov.uk

Guidance Notes and Conditions of Funding

Hednesford Town Council awards grants to local organisations and community groups to assist them in achieving their aims and objectives

Please ensure that you read all the following prior to applying for the funding

Funding Guidance/ Terms and Conditions:

- Funding applications can only be accepted from groups or organisations who work within Hednesford and benefit the local community
- Please ensure that all questions on the form are completed in full and provide any additional documentation as needed to support your application
- Grants are for a maximum of £500.00 and awarded and agreed by full council. You may be awarded less than applied for
- The funding is available for start-up groups and organisations as well as those already operating and established (We do require a bank account in the groups/organisations name, relevant signatories and documentation relating to the constitution of the group)
- There are some things that will not be considered, including:
 - Applications from individuals
 - Activities that occur outside of Hednesford
 - Discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, age, disability, religion
 - Buying, selling or consumption of alcohol
 - Activities that support any political or religious activities
 - Profit-making / fundraising activities
- Statutory duties such as Education, Health or Social services for which the Central Government, Health Authority, District or County Council are the appropriate funder will not be considered; although local schools may apply for funding for items not considered statutory

- Groups / organisations must clearly state aims and objectives and provide a written constitution or governing documents in order to be eligible to apply for the funding
- The group/ organisation is required to have its own bank account in its own name, with two authorised signatories as named on the application form
- The group / organisation is required to submit accounts that have been independently considered by a qualified person for the previous financial year or in the case of a new group /organisation a budget and plan
- The Town Council has the right to reclaim the grant in the event of it not being used for the purpose as outlined on the application form
- Organisations receiving grant money must acknowledge the Town Council's contribution on all media/publicity work
- A representative from the organisation must to be available to attend the Annual Town Assembly on Friday 10th April 2026 to collect the grant award
- All awarded organisations must complete a project report update at 6 months and 12 months detailing the positive impact that the grant funding has had for their organisation. This will be sent to you by the Community Officer for you to complete. Failure to provide satisfactory updates within the timescales given may result in the grant being recalled by Hednesford Town Council
- If you have difficulty completing the reports please contact the Community Officer

Declaration

We have read and understood the terms and criteria of the Hednesford Town Council Community Grant Scheme.

We declare that all the information given by us is true and we understand that if any funds are not used for the purpose outlined in this application, then they are liable to be recovered by Hednesford Town Council.

We will keep full records of all receipts relating to expenditure and will provide to the Council within six weeks of completing the work outlined in this application form if requested. If the group or business is dissolved and equipment has been purchased with this grant, any such equipment remaining will be distributed within the community at the discretion of Hednesford Town Council.

Please sign below

Signatures authorising this application from your group or organisation

(two people must sign this form unless you are the sole company director).

Signature 1

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Signature 1

N . Jones

Name (please print)

CHRIS PERRIN

Name (please print)

Nigel Jones

Date

11/01/2026

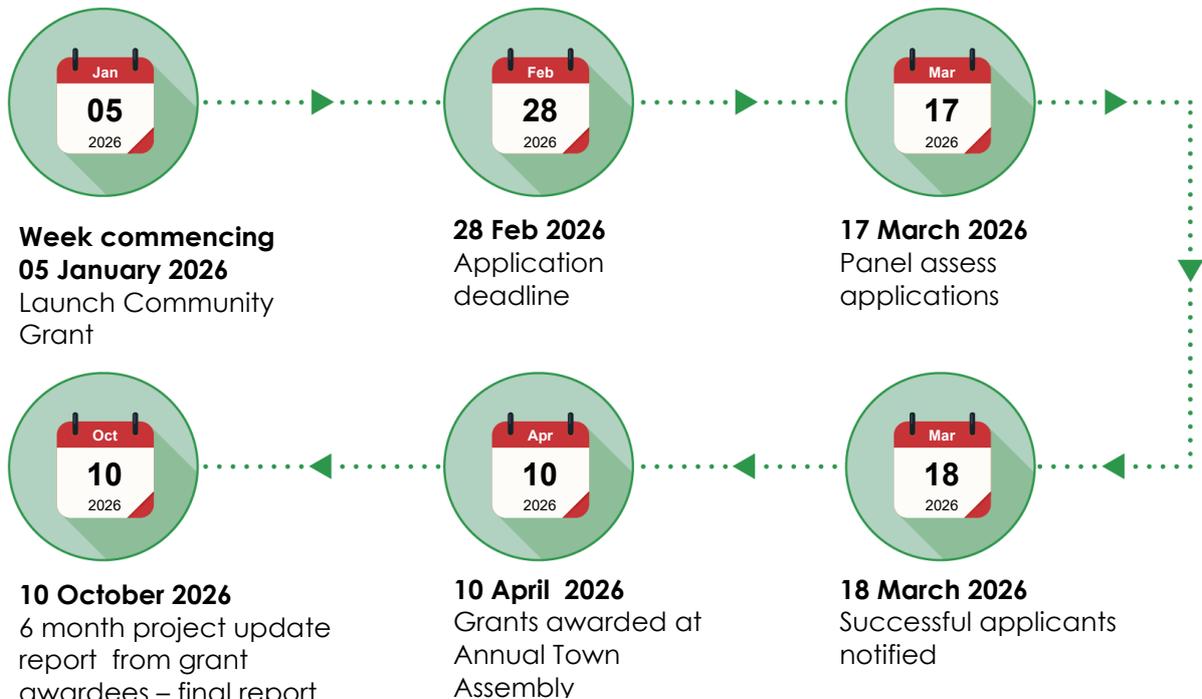
Date

11/01/2026

Please remember to include any supporting documents including your organisation constitution /rules or statement of your company aims/objectives, recent copy of organisation bank statement and any other supporting information that may assist your application.

Grant application timeline

Please note that we do not accept late entries or second applications from organisations in the same funding round.



Further information

If you have any questions or enquiries regarding the funding or application process, please contact Hednesford Town Council on **01543 424872** or visit www.hednesford-tc.gov.uk – projects and community - funding

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