

# 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	Fireworks
Name of individual completing application	Mrs Katy Holtham
Position within organisation	Charity Founder
Address and postcode of organisation	[REDACTED]
Registered address if different to above	
Company number if applicable	
Charity number if applicable	1158514
Company status i.e. Charity / Not for Profit / Community Interest Company	Charity
If part of an affiliated / national organisation please state	
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	Mrs Katy Holtham Mr David Westhead Mr Conor Bentley
Years / Months operating	12 years
Number of volunteers if applicable	3
Number of members if applicable	7
Telephone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Website	www.fireworks.webador.co.uk

## SECTION 2

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### ABOUT YOU

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

Fireworks is a children's and young people's mental health charity. We work in local schools supporting those who struggle with their mental health through music, mindfulness and arts. We also run events for the public outside of school time, where we provide a variety of mindful activities and other events which support well-being.

Our aim is to support as many children and young people to become the best version of themselves and to give them the skills to support their own mental health.

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

Each year we put on a free pantomime for our community. We apply for grants to fund a theatre group and venue and offer this completely free to our community. We do this to give people some time out to stop, be with family and friends and laugh – all things that are good for our mental health.

## SECTION 3

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### PROJECT

Please explain your project (max 200 words)

We occasionally work with child carers who support family members who have health difficulties. We are aware that these children may not get the time to just be children due to their responsibilities at home. Our project is aimed at these children and young people. We would like to provide a day visit to a local farm. We have previously worked with Burntwood Alpaca and Animal Farm and they are open to us booking their farm for our focus group only. They will provide animal talks and the chance to meet a variety of animals. We feel this will benefit these children, allowing them some time out from everyday life and to have fun.

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

The project will take place in a school holiday. As yet we have not confirmed which school holiday this will be. We are hoping for the summer holidays or October half term 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

The child carers will be residents of Hednesford. These children will be allocated to us via schools in Hednesford who we 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.

We hope to offer this opportunity to 30 young carers.

The impact, we hope to have, is that these children have been recognised for the time and effort they take to look after family members. We want to provide them with some time to stop and be children, a break from what can be a difficult situation to be in.

Having time to stop can 'reset' a person. It can help with a positive outlook and can rest the mind and body. We hope that the participants will be able to return home feeling refreshed and with lots of fun things to share with their families.

In order to measure the impact, we will be sending out an online survey after the event for the individuals who took part and another one for a family member. This will enable us to gain feedback on the project and look at if and how we can support this focus going forwards.

We will also, informally talk to the individuals on the day to find out what they enjoyed and if they have benefitted in any way.

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

It is possible that there are up to 2000 young carers in Staffordshire who support family members with disabilities. (This is not an exact figure as some are unidentified as carers) The children may miss out on education and social experiences. Social experiences support the well-being of a person and if they are not interacting with people their own age or taking part in activities they are losing out on a part of their own well-being support and can become isolated. Our project will allow them the chance to see other children and share experiences with them, allowing them some time to understand that they are not the only person in that situation and to make friends

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

Our charity will gain the knowing that we have supported more children and young people in our area. Our charity aim is to support the mental health of as many children and young people in or area. This porrect will mean that our reach has gone further and we have provided a positive experience for a focus group who we have only some contact with in schools.

Our volunteers will be attending the event, interacting with the children and helping them to feel calm and relaxed. They will also spend time putting together goodie bags for the children and young people who attend.

As a charity, it will open up our audience by supporting a key focus group. It will enable us to support more children and young people in different ways. As a charity we are aware of so many children and young people who could benefit from the support we provide, however, it is not possible to support everyone. By doing this project it will help us to access a new group who we do not often get to support and will make more people aware of what we do. More importantly it could open up doors for us to continue working with young carers and alongside those organisations who already support them. Therefore opening up our and enhancing the support for young carers in our area.

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?

This is a new project but it is a one off. It would be great to do it again but this would depend on funding.

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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)

Applying for: £500

This will be used to cover the cost of the farm visit and goodie bags for the children containing well-being support resources.

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

£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

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.

Have you received any grants from us previously?  Yes  No

If YES please state the date and amount.

We received funding from yourselves previously to provide mental health support sessions in local schools £500  
2025

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)

We have not yet fundraised for this event, however we run raffles regularly which we can use to contribute towards this cost should we need it. We are also looking into a crowdfunder.

## 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)

Mrs Katy Holtham

Signature (if under 18 a guardian must sign on

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area. A small portion of a pen nib is visible at the bottom right corner of the redaction.

Date

03.02.2026

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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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
- Grant funding must be spent within 12 months of being received. Any monies not spent will need to be paid back to Hednesford Town Council unless prior written agreement has been sought from Hednesford Town Council
- Organisations receiving grant money must acknowledge the Town Council's contribution on all media/publicity work
- A representative from the organisation must be available to attend the Annual Town Assembly on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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

Signature 1



Name (please print)

Name (please print)

Annalise Eustace

Gemma Giles

Date

Date

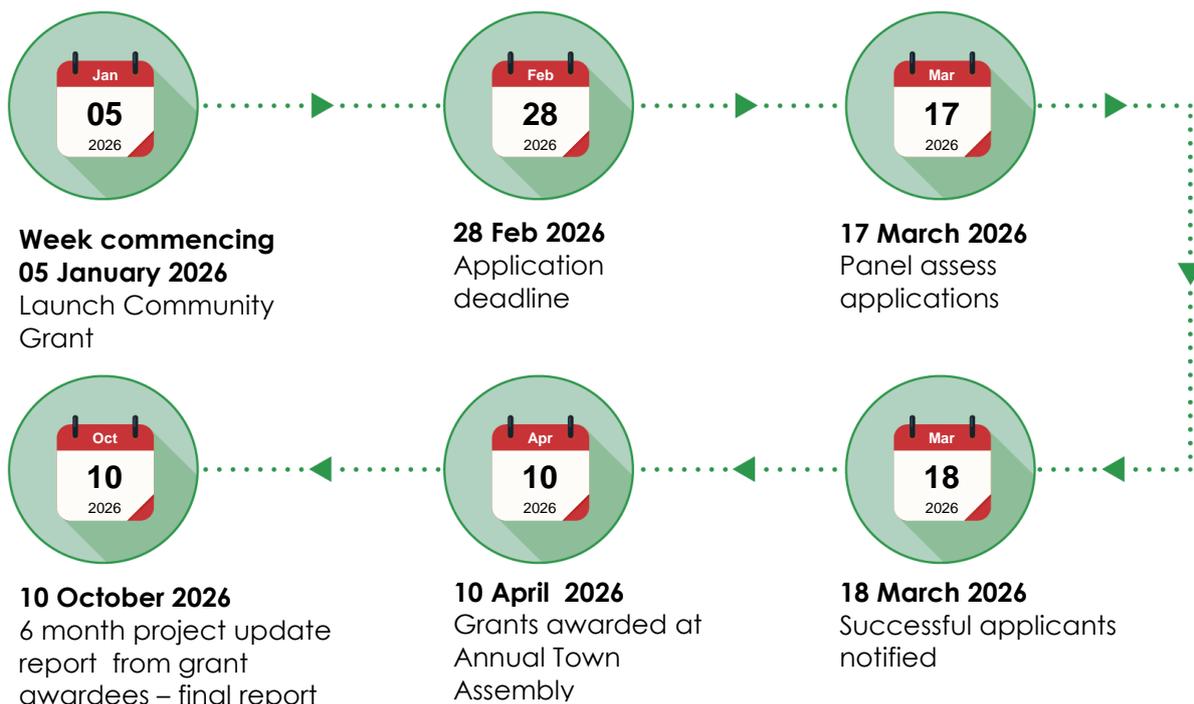
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Please remember to include any supporting documents including your organisation constitution /rules or statement of your company aims/objectives, recent copy of organisation bank statement and any other supporting information that may assist your application.

**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](http://www.hednesford-tc.gov.uk) – projects and community - funding

### Community Grants

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