

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	Hednesford Forest FC
Name of individual completing application	Eliza Gibbons
Position within organisation	Club treasurer
Address and postcode of organisation	[REDACTED]
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	Not for profit.
If part of an affiliated / national organisation please state	FA
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	Blaine steede James Gibbons
Years / Months operating	3 years
Number of volunteers if applicable	16
Number of members if applicable	70

Telephone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Website	n/a only have Facebook and Instagram

SECTION 2

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ABOUT YOU

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

We are a non-for-profit football club.
 We operate a Saturday school in the local area to allow children to attend between the ages of preschool/reception to Year 6.
 We also have x4 youth teams at present and a senior team.

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

Hednesford Forest FC has provided direct and measurable benefits to residents of Hednesford by offering affordable, inclusive grassroots football opportunities for children and young people in the local area.

The club has:

- Delivered weekly training sessions and competitive matches for local children, giving over 50 young players a safe, structured environment to develop skills, confidence, and teamwork.
- Kept participation fees as low as possible due to its non-profit structure, ensuring football remains accessible to families regardless of income.
- Provided volunteer opportunities for local parents and residents, helping them gain coaching qualifications, safeguarding training, and leadership skills.
- Promoted physical and mental wellbeing by encouraging regular exercise, social interaction, and positive role models within the community.

SECTION 3

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PROJECT

Please explain your project (max 200 words)

Hednesford Forest FC is a not-for-profit community football club based in Hednesford that provides regular, affordable football opportunities for children and young people in our area. We are run entirely by volunteers and reinvest all funds back into the club to keep participation costs low and ensure local families can join regardless of income. With this £500 grant, we would purchase much-needed training equipment — including balls, cones, and playing bibs — which will improve the quality of coaching delivered, increase participation levels, and make sessions safer and more engaging for all players. This equipment will support weekly training for over [insert number] young people, enhancing physical activity, teamwork and wellbeing in our community.

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

Throughout the year of 2026. With a drive in the summer due to brighter weather.

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

Provided volunteer opportunities for local parents and residents, helping them gain coaching qualifications, safeguarding training, and leadership skills.

Promoted physical and mental wellbeing by encouraging regular exercise, social interaction, and positive role models within the community.

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

Grassroots football clubs are essential because they provide inclusive, accessible opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to be active, build skills, and be part of a supportive community. Our club promotes physical health, improve fitness, and offer social benefits like reducing isolation and boosting wellbeing through regular activity and teamwork. They help young people develop important life skills such as communication, discipline, and cooperation, and create safe, structured environments where players can make friends and gain confidence.

Grassroots football also strengthens community cohesion by bringing families together, encouraging volunteers to lead and support youth development, and connecting residents through shared experiences. Without grassroots teams, many children and adults would miss out on these benefits, and communities would lose a valuable social and sporting hub.

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

Volunteers and community groups benefit significantly from receiving a grant because it strengthens their ability to deliver quality activities and reduces financial pressure on those giving their time freely. A small grant allows volunteers to access proper equipment, resources, and sometimes training, which makes sessions safer, more professional, and more enjoyable for participants. It also boosts morale and motivation, showing that their hard work is valued and supported. By removing financial barriers, volunteers can focus on coaching, mentoring, and supporting young people rather than fundraising to cover basic costs. In turn, this helps sustain long-term community provision and encourages more residents to get involved in volunteering.

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?

The club will continue to do events and activities to actively raise money for further needs.

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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.

The fund will be used to buy essential equipment for academy, youth teams and seniors. I.e. Bibs, cones and balls.

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

Mitre x10 balls £94.95 x4
Bibs 10 in pack £9.99 x4
Cones pack of 50 x 1. £9.59
Forza Goal 12 x 6 £65.00

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.

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.

We have applied for the Tesco blue token stronger starts fund. To help keep club funding the teams, especially the Adult team which requires a greater amount of funding.

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

As a club we are always looking for ways to raise money for the teams whether that is by grants or sponsorships by local companies, majority of the time not successful but we are determined to keep providing for the community to best way we can.

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)

Eliza Gibbons

Signature (if under 18 a guardian must sign on



Date

20.02.26

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

[Redacted Signature]

Signature 1

[Redacted Signature]

Name (please print)

Eliza Gibbons

Name (please print)

James Gibbons

Date

20.02.26

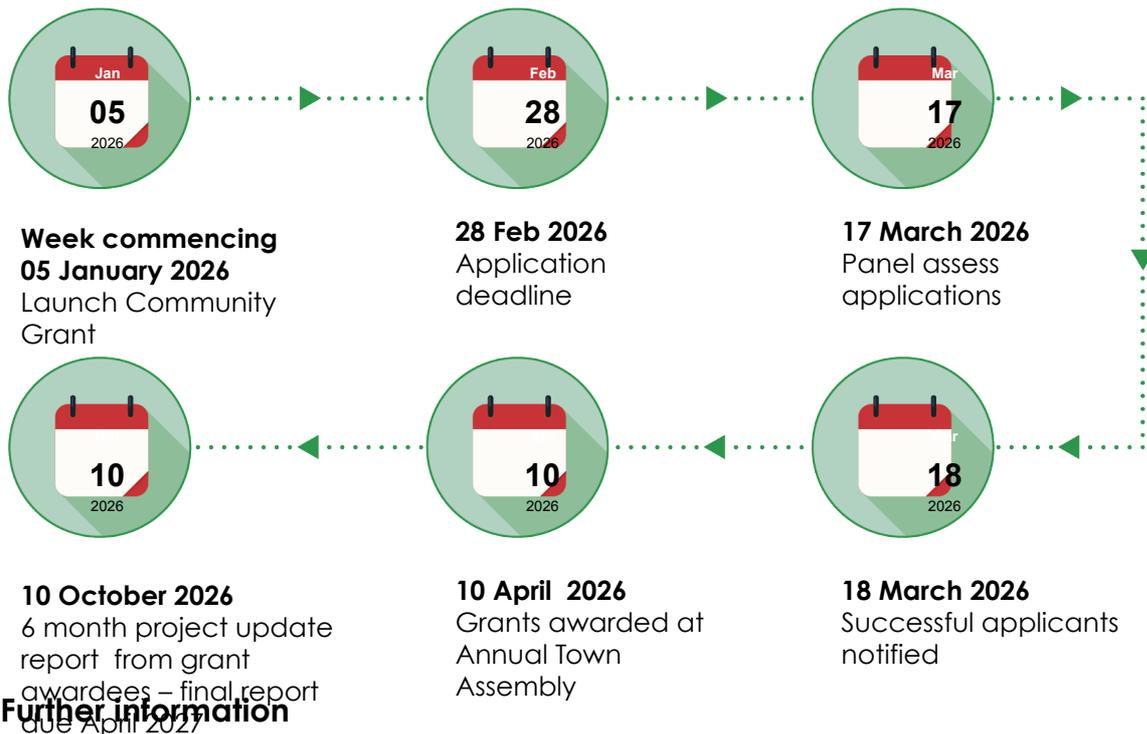
Date

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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 – projects and community - funding

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