

## **HUNGERFORD TOWN COUNCIL - GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS 2022**

### **Arts for Hungerford, ref 19240**

**£800**

Continuing to bring regular and diverse arts events to the community for the current season providing film performances for the local community including recently released major titles and foreign language films. Arts for Hungerford also continue their commitment to reach out to young people who want to be involved in the arts, for example holding Concerts for the Classical and Contemporary Young Musicians. The Children's Arts Festival returned to Hungerford in June this year and the funding of £800 from Hungerford Town Council helped make this possible.

### **CHAIN ref 19547**

**£1,500**

Chain provides transport for the elderly, sick and infirm in Hungerford and surrounding areas, to enable them to visit Day Centres, Doctors' surgeries, and keep necessary Hospital appointments. Occasional trips of a vocational nature are also made together with weekly Handybus transport to a Hydro-Therapy centre. Their drivers also run the local Handybus and they have their own Gowrings modified Vauxhall Combo wheelchair vehicle. They publish and distribute quarterly, 2900 free copies of the CHAIN MAIL magazine, this is self-financing.

Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £1,500 is to help cover the cost of running both vehicles (bus and wheelchair vehicle) and the running costs of the office which is open every weekday between 9.00 and 11.00 and manned by volunteers.

### **Citizens Advice West Berkshire – Hungerford Outreach ref 19584**

**£750.00**

Citizens Advice West Berkshire provides information and advice to help people in West Berkshire to achieve positive outcomes in dealing with the problems that they face, e.g. gaining access to welfare benefits, managing debt, helping them to stay in their homes and resolving problems with their employers.

Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £750 will be used to operate an outreach service for residents of Hungerford. The grant will be used to offer not only four appointments a month to residents of Hungerford in the Hungerford Library if required, but allows us to speak to more residents overall. It is important for clients that live in Hungerford and cannot come into Newbury to be able to access face to face advice and information where they live, especially in a rural area.

### **Great Western Hospital - Brighter Futures Scanner Appeal ref 18751**

**£500**

Brighter Futures is the registered charity of Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. They support services at Great Western Hospital in Swindon and in community health sites across Wiltshire. They fund the purchase of equipment, support education for staff and improve the environment for patients; all of which are over and above the existing NHS budget. Hungerford Town Council's grant of £500 will go towards their appeal to install a specialist CT scanner in the new Swindon Radiotherapy Centre when it opens in 2022 so that local cancer patients do not have to face a long journey to Oxford

for an initial scan and planning appointment prior to their radiotherapy treatment beginning in Swindon.

**Eight Bells for Mental Health ref 19421**

**£250**

Eight Bells is an independent member-led organisation that supports local people affected by mental health issues by running a twice-weekly Drop-In Centre in Newbury. There are currently 207 members registered and on average 70 members attend the Drop-in Centre each week. The Drop-in Centre offers members a safe place to go and get advice, improve social skills, receive support and interact with other members, thus reducing their social isolation. Hungerford Town Council's grant of £400 will go towards hiring venues to offer smaller drop-in sessions at four different locations across West Berks. Also, for the cost of a worker to meet isolated people and help them re-engage with the community after lockdown.

**Help Welcome Ukrainians to West Berkshire (Greenham Trust) ref 19509**

**£500**

This special appeal is to raise money to help support local charitable and voluntary organisations who will be called upon to answer the needs of Ukrainians arriving in West Berkshire fleeing the war in Ukraine. For those individuals and families with links here in West Berkshire and those who will be offered accommodation locally, this appeal has been set up to raise funds for to support a range of needs not covered by statutory funds. The funding from Hungerford Town Council will help support the charitable and voluntary groups in their work including those covering Hungerford.

**Hungerford Summer Festival ref 19438**

**£1,000**

Hungerford Summer Festival (formerly HADCAF) takes place over a 2-3 week period in June/July each year to celebrate and encourage the talents, expertise and skills that abound within the community, in addition to bringing professional concerts and theatre to Hungerford. Hungerford Town Council's grant of £1,000 will be used to help with running costs for this year's festival consisting of events including arts and leisure-related attractions, music, theatre, exhibitions, workshops, talks and guided walks.

**HAHA - Hungerford Fairfields Allotments – path restoration ref 19467**

**£600**

This project is to create a safe pathway between the entrance to the allotment site and the current network of paths around the allotment plots. It will require the creation of 11m by 1m pathway. The absence of such a pathway has been identified as a safety hazard during a recent H&S inspection. The site is managed by Hungerford Allotment Holders Association (HAHA) a community organisation run by volunteers. The Fairfield Allotment site has a long history of community cultivation and is used by residents of Hungerford. The grant of £600 will be used towards the path restoration due to be completed in the year 2022/2023.

### **Headway Thames Valley – Brain Injury Neuro Rehabilitation Service ref 19472**

**£250**

Headway Thames Valley are raising funding to support their Neuro Rehabilitation service for people with brain injuries. The service will provide specialist person-centred, goal oriented and coordinated neuro rehabilitation programmes, facilitated by qualified and experienced professionals. It will be provided in a flexible manner according to individual need, via centre-based appointments, either individually or within a group. Family members are included in the rehabilitation process. For the majority of the people they work with, there is limited or no form of NHS neuro rehabilitation available where they live and they are faced with the prospect of no professional neuro rehabilitation, long waiting lists or paying significant amounts for this privately. There is only a limited NHS Community-based Neuro Rehabilitation service in place covering a part of West Berkshire. The funding from Hungerford Town Council will help to make the support and rehabilitation service more accessible for those in the area including Hungerford.

### **Home-Start West Berkshire ref 19422**

**£250**

Across West Berkshire Home-Start volunteers visit families at home each week, supporting parents in situations as diverse as isolation, bereavement, multiple births, illness, disability or who are just finding parenting a struggle. They provide non-judgemental, practical and emotional support and help build the family's confidence and ability to cope. Volunteers encourage, listen and offer practical support. They become a trusted friend and mentor of the family to help them move forward. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £250 will help towards their Preventing Family Poverty project.

### **Hungerford Cricket Club ref 19536**

**£1,000**

Hungerford Cricket Club provides opportunities for all ages of players - seniors to young people. Teams regularly play midweek and evenings and the thriving Junior section run teams who play in the Berkshire Youth League. They also have a busy All Stars Programme and a Dynamos Summer Club. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £1,000 will help improve the pathways outside the clubhouse, which will enhance disabled access and make it safer for all users. They are also looking to buy some new junior equipment to better equip the numerous junior sections within the club, along with refurbishing the existing sightscreens. These improvements will allow them to be more accessible and provide a better experience/service to all our junior members and the wider club.

### **Hungerford Club ref 19641**

**£465**

The Hungerford Club is a CASC registered sports club with Bowls, Tennis and Indoor Sports facilities. They are open to applications from all sections of the community including juniors for the outdoor sports. They offer an excellent bowling green, 4 all-weather tennis courts and 2 full size snooker / billiards tables. Management and maintenance of the facilities is undertaken by volunteers from within the membership whose aim is to provide first class facilities for members to develop their game to the level they wish to achieve in a social setting with coaching available. Both competitive and social opportunities to play are available. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £465 will help towards

the cost of purchasing new equipment including lightweight bowl collectors, scoreboards and bowl mats.

#### **Hungerford & Camburn Educational Foundation**

**£1,000**

This charity is the only local charity giving financial help to students following further education and the grant will help local students towards the cost of further education.

#### **Hungerford Food Community - Food & Cooking in the Hungerford Community ref 19386**

**£500.00**

Providing year-round food, nutrition and cookery experiences in and around Hungerford. These include cookery lessons for pre-school, primary and secondary school students, vulnerable adults and anyone interested in budget recipes, moving to a diet that is good for the planet and minimising food waste. Hungerford Food Community would use the funding to help make this positive impact throughout the year on food education for the families of Hungerford and also to increase the support of local producers, businesses and the community.

#### **Hungerford Rugby Football Club ref 19546**

**£1,000**

Hungerford Town Football Club was established in October 1886 and is a member's club which is run by volunteers. The club has an associated football academy working in partnership with Park House School in Newbury. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £1,000 will help towards the cost of refurbishing the pitch side kitchen at the Triangle Field.

#### **Hungerford Town Band ref 19488**

**£1,500**

Hungerford Town Band is a local organisation that provides two bands (Senior and Training) for engagements in the local and surrounding areas. They have many young players both learning and in the Senior band and encourage people of any age to start playing or come back to playing after a break. They provide instruction free of charge for persons of all ages in the playing of brass band musical instruments. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £1,500 will help towards covering costs as the band were unable to raise any funds and were unable to perform/rehearse during the pandemic. The band is an asset to the town and the local community, and the grant will allow them to continue to allow anyone of any age to continue to enjoy music.

#### **John O'Gaunt PSA - Enhanced Career Guidance for the upper school ref 19537**

**£500**

Within Key Stage 4, pupils are starting to plan for 16 plus and many children in year 9, 10 and 11 do not know what they want to do beyond secondary education. In a normal Non-Covid period, pupils will normally would have been interviewed in mock job interviews, they will have experienced time in a work environment and taken part in Jobs Fayre's within school. The legacy of Covid has meant this has not been possible and several pupils do not know what they can/should do 16 plus. With the

funding from Hungerford Town Council the school will be able to provide Morrisby Testing (online Psychometric Testing for years 10 and 11 to help identify routes available and personalised support for each of the students for 2022/ 23.

**Kennet Community Radio ref 19166**

**£100**

Kennet Community Radio set up and run community-based broadcasting services - to establish Kennet Radio as a community radio station. They started broadcasting online in September 2012 and aspire to provide media training and experience to people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities and support other community-based organisations, charities and voluntary groups by providing a means for them to publicise themselves and their activities to the local community. With the funding from Hungerford Town Council they want to purchase and install a transmitter and aerial to extend Kennet Community Radio's FM coverage to include Hungerford and the surrounding communities. It will also enable Kennet Radio to be "The Local Sound of West Berkshire", not just of Newbury and Thatcham.

**Parkinson's UK, Newbury and District Branch ref 19505**

**£100**

Parkinson's UK is a Parkinson's research and support charity. It influences and funds ground-breaking research to advance understanding of Parkinson's and improve treatments. It provides expert information and support to help sufferers manage the condition and offers to people with Parkinson's (and their families and carers) full support and opportunities to live life to the full. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £100 will help towards the cost of providing chair-based exercises to people in Hungerford. The sessions are available to anyone suffering from Parkinson's in the West Berkshire area, and members who attend find it helps with movement and gives members a chance to meet up socially.

**Recovery in Mind ref 19373**

**£250**

Recovery in Mind provide free of charge courses to support the mental health recovery of adults living in West Berkshire aged 18 and over who have a wide variety of mental health challenges. They offer a three-step approach to improving their participants (known as students) mental health and now offer over 15 courses. Based in central Newbury, last year they worked with 148 local people making a significant impact on their mental health. They measure the impact of their courses and 100% of people who have attended one or more courses report 'feeling better' or 'much better' as a result. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £150 will help towards the cost of staff salaries, insurance, office rental and marketing.

**Swings & Smiles ref 19281**

**£200**

Swings & Smiles' mission is to support children and young people with special needs, and their families, to be happy, have fun and feel included. They want to be able to offer their services to as many people as possible. Currently they have over 680 families registered with Swings & Smiles and their dedicated team work closely with them to provide the support they really need, when they need

it. With the grant they hope to recruit a Play Leader to Support the Children with Disabilities and their Families

#### **Tuesday Burchett Club ref 19426**

**£500**

The Club was formed as a communal meeting place for the 'less mobile' people living in Hungerford and its surrounding areas and is run by a committee of 14. A warm and friendly Club with a membership of around 120, the club gives relief and support to those for whom growing older has coincided with varying degrees of disability. Day and half day trips take place throughout the year together with short break holidays and a series of well-supported Mystery Weekends have recently been added to the itinerary. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £500 will help towards the providing a holiday for the members with limited walking who either use wheelchairs, walking frames or sticks so that they can chose hotels with lifts and ramps who can accommodate their needs.

#### **Time to Talk West Berkshire ref 19522**

**£250**

The organisation provides a free counselling service for young people aged 11-25 in West Berkshire, helping them deal with their specific challenges in a sustainable way. They are the only organisation in West Berks offering counselling that is free at the point of delivery to those under 18 (over 80% of their clients). Since the Covid-19 pandemic, which saw an increase in referrals and demand to the waiting list, more young people are struggling to cope with anxiety and depression. Funding for their project from Hungerford Town Council will help the team to manage the waitlist and ensure that any further increase is dealt with in a timely manner. In addition to this they have launched flexible online counselling sessions to offer an increased number of sessions each week in order to try to bring the waitlist down.

#### **Young People & Children First ref 19346**

**£250**

This charity was set up in 2008 to support care leavers 16-25 (and homeless young people) in West Berkshire. They provide places to live and the guidance and support these disadvantaged young people need to bridge the critical gap between Foster Care (homelessness) and independent living. The houses are comfortable, safe and homely with space for up to 7 young people and live-in house supervisors and support workers provide practical and emotional support and individual tailored support plans for each of the residents. Over the last 10 years the charity has helped to transform the lives of 28 young people and the average length of stay is 323 days. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £250 will help towards the cost of supporting the mental health of the charity's staff through clinical supervision to help manage the personal and professional demands created by the nature of their work.

#### **Ben East**

**£300**

Ben is 18 years old and a member of Team Kennet Athletic club, based in Greenham, Newbury. He holds the U15 UK Javelin record, being the first person in the UK ever to throw over 70m at that age. Since then, he has won numerous competitions and events and continues to train hard – whilst also

studying for 4 A-Levels at Park House School. He has also achieved a Diploma in Sport Science from Loughborough College through the Youth Talent Programme, run by UK Athletics. However, Ben – like many athletes – has had two unsettled years due to Covid and the challenges and restrictions the pandemic has brought. The funding from Hungerford Town Council will go towards Ben's ongoing costs for travelling to sports events, equipment and training.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Hungerford Scout Group**

**£168**

1<sup>st</sup> Hungerford Scout Group is a voluntary run group for young people in the town. The group meet in the scout hut which is in the Croft, Hungerford. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £168 will fund the cost of minibus hire for the Scouts to attend the Royal Air Tattoo show to secure their aviation badges.

### **Messy Stories ref 19651**

**£100**

Messy Stories is a Corn Exchange Learning & Participation project for vulnerable families in rural locations in West Berkshire which introduces young children (aged 1-3 years) to popular stories so they can develop their literacy skills whilst supporting their broader development through messy play. They work in partnership with West Berkshire Council's Central Family Hub. The sessions are delivered by a professional arts practitioner provided by the Corn Exchange who leads the literacy, music, singing and drama elements for the participants—1-3-year olds and their parents/carers—and the classes are free to participants. As there is a gap in provision of these services in rural communities and many families aren't able to travel to Newbury, the grant from Hungerford Town Council will go towards taking Messy Stories directly to places such as Hungerford.

### **Hungerford Nursery School – The Shoal of Friends ref 19586 and ref 19595**

**£500**

The Shoal of Friends is committed to providing resources which will benefit the children of Hungerford and its surrounding area from birth to 4+ years of age. They work to provide additional funds which will allow the Hungerford Nursery School and the Family Centre to continue to deliver the outstanding outcomes for children of all abilities for which they are renowned. They enable the purchase of new equipment, books, and toys, all geared to optimise the learning experience provided by a top-class teaching establishment. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £500 will help towards two projects. Firstly towards the minibus which is used to take children to Boxford Woods on a regular basis and allows children, especially the more vulnerable ones and those with additional needs, to spend quality and educational time in a woodland environment. This gives the children opportunities, such as taking challenges and risks, problem solving, extending their physical skills and learning about their environment. Secondly a further grant of £250 for upgrading their nursery Computer equipment which means that with the support of the staff the children can capture memories, stories and photos from their time at Nursery to share with their parents at home.

### **Hungerford Hub ref 19417**

**£1,273.50**

Hungerford Hub is a not-for-profit community asset supported by Hungerford Town Council, Hungerford Library & Community Trust and Friends of Hungerford Library (the Hub team) in order to

ensure the continued provision of a library by West Berkshire Council. The library building is now used, outside of library hours, as a Hub for the people of Hungerford and the surrounding area, holding events such as workshops, talks and exhibitions. There is also a space for local artists and craftspeople to exhibit and sell their work. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £1,273.50 will go towards the Hub's "Well Read Mind" project. They have partnered with The Hungerford Bookshop to develop a season of literary talks and workshops focused on recovery, mental health and wellbeing. Some events will be held online and some in person in Hungerford Hub. The season of events has 5 categories: Gardening, Writing for Wellbeing, Children's, Confidence and Sleep.

#### **Hungerford Youth & Community Centre ref 19489**

**£4,800**

Hungerford Youth and Community Centre is run by an independent group of volunteers forming a management committee. The committee's main remit is the management of Hungerford Youth and Community Centre building and outdoor facilities, as well as supporting youth and community services with a special emphasis on youth services. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £4,800 will help towards the basic running costs of keeping the centre open. These include staff wages, insurance and maintenance costs and utility bills. Due to the pandemic, the centre has been closed and the core business has suffered.