

## GRANT AWARDS 2020

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT OF GRANT	PROJECT
1 <sup>st</sup> Hungerford Brownies	£75	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Hungerford Brownies has 20 members aged between 7 and 10. The unit uses its flag for the welcome circle at each meeting and they also regularly take part in parades. They need a new flag as the old one is extremely old and worn.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £75 will help towards the cost of replacing the flag.</p>
Armadillo Art Experience CIC (Draw Together project)	£100	<p>Armadillo Art Experience is an art workshop on the road, delivering creative opportunities to people who otherwise wouldn't have access to them. The Draw Together project has been created to deliver free art workshops to children suffering hardship and their families. During the Coronavirus lock down period, the project aims to deliver 1 digital workshop per week via social media rather than the regular workshop sessions. Regular sessions will then recommence as soon as practical after the lockdown has lifted.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £100 will help bring the Draw Together project to residents of Hungerford.</p>
Berkshire Vision	£100	<p>Berkshire Vision is unique in the services it offers to Blind and Visually Impaired Children and Adults throughout the whole of Berkshire. The organisation offers support and advice to people of all ages with a comprehensive range of activities through its clubs (including one in Hungerford) as well as a home visiting service, resource centre and varied sports programme through its head office in Reading. They currently support over 50 young people, all of whom are blind or have a visual impairment and accessibility (transport) to the programmes they offer is a key factor for younger members.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £100 will go towards the cost of purchasing a 9-seater Mini bus with wheelchair access specifically for the younger members to travel in.</p>
CHAIN	£1,000	<p>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.</p>

		Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £1,000 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	£1,100	<p>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.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £1,100 will be used to operate an outreach service for residents of Hungerford in the Hungerford Library. Two sessions will be offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month to clients wanting to access Citizens Advice in Hungerford. The clients that value this service are those who find it difficult to access services in Newbury.</p>
Community of Hungerford Theatre Company	£500	<p>The Company promotes the performance of live theatre in Hungerford and the surrounding villages. The company has four lively groups: Young performers up to age 8, Children's theatre up to age 14, Youth Theatre up to age 18, The Players aged over 18. In any year each group undertakes at least one production and all groups combine to undertake the annual Town show, which has been part of the Hungerford calendar for the past 30 years. There are over 200 members of the company.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £500 will go towards the hire of venues for rehearsals and performances including the setting up of these halls to turn them into performance areas – seating, lighting and sound. The grant will allow the company to get productions underway as soon as the lockdown is eased.</p>
Brighter Futures Better Births Appeal	£500	<p>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. Their vision is to provide the best care possible to patients, their families and visitors to the Trust.</p> <p>The maternity department at the GWH is currently raising funds to help them reach their vision of more personalised, kinder, professional and family friendly births and they want expectant mums to have the best experience possible. Hungerford Town Council's grant of £500 will go towards enabling expectant mums to benefit from new equipment which will allow more women to enjoy an active birth so that they are less likely to need medical intervention which is beneficial to the mother and baby.</p>

Headway Thames Valley	£500	<p>Established 30 years ago, Headway Thames Valley provides early interventions and on-going support to help brain injury survivors and their families to adjust to their altered circumstances. They aim to provide coping strategies, practical solutions or establish routines to help people feel more in control. It is the only charity in the area which provides such specialist services and has a proven track record of providing the flexible and tailored support required by people with brain injuries.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £500 will help put in place alternative support mechanisms for the clients and home working arrangements for the staff during the Coronavirus lock down. These include telephone calls and accessing videos/internet/skype.</p>
Home-Start West Berkshire (Isolated Families project and Reducing Isolation for families in need during the Coronavirus outbreak project)	£500	<p>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.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £500 will help fund both projects to reduce the impact that isolation can have on families with young children in West Berkshire. Home-Start are adapting their services as the Coronavirus lockdown progresses by listening to families to ensure they are providing the support they need in a timely way.</p>
Hungerford Allotment Holders Association	£1,000	<p>HAHA is an association of plot holders who have self-managed Hungerford Town Council's two allotments sites at Marsh Lane and Fairfields on a voluntary basis since 2011. HAHA operates under the terms of a Heads of Agreement (available on web site) with the Council and is financed by plot rental income supplemented by fund raising activities and grant awards.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £1,000 will help towards the project at Marsh Lane allotments to refurbish/renew water storage and provision to ensure allotment holders are able to access important supplies for good growing outcomes.</p>
Hungerford Club	£500	<p>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.</p>

		Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £500 will help towards the cost of refurbishment of the ladies and gents toilets and the kitchen area. The main changing rooms will then be decorated to create a much pleasanter environment for the players to change in.
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 Cricket Club	£500	<p>Hungerford Cricket Club provides opportunities for young people from the age of eight upwards to receive coaching and compete in the Berkshire Youth League. The Club also run an All Stars Cricket programme for children aged five to eight years old. All coaching is delivered by qualified coaches, who have been screened for their suitability for working with young people.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £500 will help towards phase 2 of the clubhouse refurbishments, in particular to secure and repair the outside of the clubhouse along with a few smaller repairs/replacements within the Ladies toilets and Gents toilets. They are also looking to raise funds to buy a quality square mower which is urgently needed to allow the groundsmen to continue to provide the cricket playing areas needed by all members.</p>
Hungerford Hares	£350	<p>The Hungerford Hares Running Club was established in June 2007 and now has around 50 members. They are a small, friendly, community-conscious club that caters for anyone who loves to run and meet every Tuesday &amp; Thursday for local &amp; away runs offering a variety of different runs in the countryside. They offer many events throughout the year to the Hungerford area including: a summer training programme for beginners starting their running journey; a weekly running club at Hungerford Primary School for year 5 &amp; 6 pupils; the annual Hungerford Hares Harey 8 mile run, which in 2019 saw the biggest turnout at 150 people.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £350 will help to provide some much-needed equipment which will hopefully increase the club's presence in the town and make more people aware of the club. They would also like to offer some club members the opportunity to attend a run leaders course.</p>
Hungerford Hub	£5,000	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 artist and craftspeople to exhibit and sell their work.

		Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £5,000 will go towards the Hub Manager's salary and upgrade of the website which will help raise the profile of the Hub and increase income. Due to a loss of income during the Coronavirus lockdown, the grant will also go towards payment of utility bills.
Hungerford Primary School	£500	<p>The Friends of Hungerford Primary School is a charitable organisation formed by parents, which aims to support Hungerford Primary to achieve its goal of providing the best educational experience for their children. They work in cooperation with the school to identify ways in which they might provide support, both financial and practical. They fund-raise, make grant applications and try to find skilled individuals who can provide an invaluable service to the school.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £500 will help towards the provision of an updated sound system to improve the sound quality required for school productions and other events held at the school. The current set up is technologically outdated and is unable to meet the demand required. The school puts on many productions throughout the year, and the Friends of Hungerford Primary School also run discos for the children. These events enable the school to raise much needed income and to occasionally support other charities.</p>
Hungerford Town Band	£1,400	<p>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.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £1,400 will help towards covering costs as the band are currently unable to raise any funds, being unable to perform/rehearse during the current lockdown. 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.</p>
Hungerford Town Swifts Football Team	£500	<p>The Hungerford Town Swifts team ran for four years, ending in 2017 with the team winning the North Berkshire Division Two league in an unbeaten season. Since the team was disbanded, it has been the talk of many in the town about how unfortunate the loss was with no clear pathway for the juniors of the town to progress into adult football in their own town. They are hopeful that bringing back the team will help bridge the gap between junior aspiring footballers and semi-professional/professional football.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £500 will help towards the cost of squad kit, match balls, training equipment, training tops, medical kit and water bottles.</p>

Hungerford Twinning Association	£100	<p>Hungerford is officially twinned with the town of Ligueil in Indre-et-Loire, France and a charter was signed in November 1980. Since 1980 there have been many group delegations to and from the two towns including the Fire Brigade, the Round Table, the Town Band and the John O'Gaunt School. Their goal is to establish close family links between Hungerford and Ligueil, and to use this to foster and encourage a broader social community and educational opportunities for children through family and inter-school activities. There is now a membership of over 40 people from the Hungerford area and visits are arranged between the towns each year.</p> <p>2020 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the twinning charter and celebrations were planned to mark this special occasion. The association wished to promote the special relationships which have been built up over the 40 years and to encourage wider involvement of a new generation of Hungerford residents. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £100 will go towards funding these celebrations if they are able to take place later in the year.</p>
John O'Gaunt PSA	£250	<p>John O'Gaunt PSA organises regular fundraising activities at school such as school discos, quizzes, raffles and social evenings with the aim of raising additional funds to enrich the educational experience of the students and provide support for community involvement.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £250 will help towards the PSA's project to update the lighting system in the school hall so they can continue to provide the hall to other users e.g. Hungerford Theatre company. The new system will allow the school to make better use of the hall and for hiring out to local community groups.</p>
Marie Curie South Region	£500	<p>Marie Curie is caring for hundreds of additional dying patients requiring end of life care, in order to relieve the unprecedented pressure on the NHS during the Coronavirus crisis. Local Marie Curie Nursing teams are working harder than ever. End of life patients who do not want to be in hospital need to be moved to a more appropriate setting, as beds in critical care units are urgently required for patients who need lifesaving treatment for Coronavirus.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £500 will go towards the £50,000 a week Marie Curie needs to raise to continue to run its essential frontline services at a time when they cannot rely on donations from the public as their ability to fundraise is compromised due to the lockdown.</p>
Parkinson's UK, Newbury and District Branch	£100	<p>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.</p>

		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	£300	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 £300 will help to fund core staff costs, insurance and training room/office hire.
Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent hospice	£500	<p>Sue Ryder is a registered charity that has over 65 years of experience in providing incredible hospice and neurological care and bereavement support for people with palliative, end of life and long-term care needs. Their specialist care and support services are delivered across the UK in seven Hospices, four Neurological Care Centres and in the community within people's homes. Their vision is that everyone living with a life changing illness can access the care and support they need, when and where they need it.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £500 will help to keep the Duchess of Kent hospice, based in Reading, and its community services operational in order to support and protect people with life limiting conditions during the Covid-19 crisis.</p>
Tuesday Burchett Club	£50	<p>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.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £50 was a donation in memory of the late John Hollister who was a founder member of the club in 1996. John, who received the 'Freedom of the Town' award in 2013, sadly passed away in May 2020.</p>
Trustees of the Croft Hall	£2,500	The Trustees aim is to maintain the Croft Hall for the benefit of the community of Hungerford and to provide a series of suitably equipped performance and meeting rooms for the local community at this centrally located venue. To encourage the use of the facilities by groups which assist with social

		<p>cohesion and/ or provide local services within the town, particularly the young and elderly. To continue to maximise the utilization of the facilities.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £2,500 will help towards completion of phase 1 of a project to improve the safety and usability of the hall for hirers and their customers including an updated CCTV system, external lighting and replacement heating system.</p>
West Berks Foodbank	£250	<p>West Berks Foodbank is a project founded by local churches and community groups, working together towards relieving hunger in our local area. It is part of The Trussell Trust's network of 428 foodbanks across the UK. It has foodbank centres in 5 locations in West Berkshire, including Hungerford.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £250 will help support the recently appointed Project Manager with the large increase in demand for food distribution needs during the Covid-19 crisis. Future plans are to provide a cohesive overview of all areas, and identify particular matters that need to be addressed, and to take the necessary actions. This will include consideration of a procedure to serve the needs of those in the northern part of West Berkshire.</p>
Young People & Children First	£200	<p>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.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £200 will help towards the cost of expanding the services for their young people which will enhance the support they need e.g. therapeutic support, outings and activities, staff training and welfare.</p>