

### GRANT AWARDS 2021

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT OF GRANT	PROJECT
1 <sup>st</sup> Inkpen and Kintbury Scouts	£50	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Inkpen and Kintbury Scout Group provides around 50-60 children aged 6-14 years old with the chance to encourage independence and an appreciation of the great outdoors.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £50 will help towards the cost of building an extension to the existing scout hut to provide much-needed storage facilities for the myriad scout equipment. To be able to store the equipment in a fit for purpose facility will make a significant difference to the way the groups are run and will be a huge organisational benefit to the children.</p>
1 <sup>st</sup> Hungerford Scout Group	£200	<p>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.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £200 will help towards the cost of insulating the loft space in the scout hut with the aim of reducing heating costs.</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.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £100 will go towards their doorstep befriending project which has a specific focus on rebuilding lost confidence to go out, to do everyday errands, to rekindle old hobbies and perhaps begin new ones.</p>
CHAIN	£1,500	<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> <p>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. The bus was used to support deliveries for the West Berks Foodbank throughout the pandemic.</p>

Citizens Advice West Berkshire	£1,200	<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. Due to the restrictions of Covid-19, they are unable to offer face to face appointments at the outreach service, however they are still supporting Hungerford residents through telephone, email and letter. They will be returning to seeing clients as soon as restrictions are lifted.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £1,200 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 cost of hiring premises for storage of scenery, properties, electrics, sound equipment and costumes. The grant will allow the company to get productions underway as soon as the lockdown is eased.</p>
Brighter Futures Scanner 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>Hungerford Town Council's grant of £500 will go towards their appeal to install a specialist CT scanner in the new Swindon Radiotherapy Centre from 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.</p>
Eight Bells for Mental Health	£400	<p>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.</p>

		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 reengage with the community after lockdown.
Greenham Trust	£400	The Trust's aim is to promote charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of Newbury and its environs. The Trust has contributed £100,000 to a Surviving to Thriving fund which will allocate funds to charities, voluntary groups and non-profit making organisations across West Berks. Hungerford Town Council's grant of £400 will help towards the Surviving to Thriving fund which looks to address a variety of urgent mental health and wellbeing issues resulting from the coronavirus pandemic and subsequent lockdowns across different vulnerable groups and all ages.
HADCAF (Hungerford & District Community Arts Festival)	£1,000	HADCAF usually takes place over a 2-3 week period in June/July each year but due to the pandemic, this year's event will take place over 8 days in July. The festival aims 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 around 20 events including arts and leisure-related attractions, music, theatre, exhibitions, workshops, talks and guided walks.
Home-Start West Berkshire	£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 Club	£433	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 £433 will help towards the cost of maintenance of the bowling green which is undertaken monthly by contractors.
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	£1,000	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. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £1,000 will help towards the cost of replacing the three outdoor cricket nets at the ground with two new ECB standard recognised nets. This is to provide safer and higher nets to allow a better facility for junior and adult members to use.
Hungerford Hares	£350	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 & Thursday for local & 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 & 6 pupils; the annual Hungerford Hares Harey 8 mile run. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £350 will help to fund one member of the club attending a Mental Health First Aid Course so the club will be better equipped to help and support others. They would also like to offer some club members the opportunity to attend a run leaders course.

Hungerford Hub	£5,692.50	<p>Hungerford Hub is a not-for-profit community asset supported by Hungerford Town Council, Hungerford Library &amp; 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.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £4,692.50 will go towards the Hub Manager's salary and to replace the outside light fittings with LEDs. This will help towards the Hub's aim to be as environmentally friendly as possible and to reduce running costs.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £1,000 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.</p>
Hungerford Nursery School – The Shoal of Friends	£500	<p>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.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £500 will help towards the cost of enhancing the outdoor area at the Nursery. This will give great learning opportunities to the children in their everyday learning and play. Opportunities for open ended learning and investigations will happen with the support of these resources for the outdoor environment.</p>

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 cost of providing weekly Yoga/Mindfulness/Wellbeing classes over a twelve week period to all year groups. This is alongside a visit to an Outdoor Activity Education Centre to promote the team and wellbeing element of school/community. This is to try and alleviate the stress and concerns the children have following the coronavirus pandemic.</p>
Hungerford Town Band	£1,500	<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 £1,500 will help towards covering costs as the band have been unable to raise any funds, being 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.</p>
Hungerford Town Football Club	£1,500	<p>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.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £1,500 will help towards the cost of replacing the existing changing pavilion to comply with new FA and league rules. The club is required to add women's changing facilities and to build an accessible injury treatment room in case any players or officials are injured during matches.</p>

Hungerford Youth & Community Centre	£4,800	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
John O'Gaunt PSA	£500	<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 £500 will help towards the cost of re-developing a current unused area of the school to provide a Quiet Garden for reflection and a safe environment for children to visit during school hours and beyond.</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> <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.</p>
Recovery in Mind	£400	<p>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.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £400 will help towards the cost of offering support for adults who are experiencing difficulties with thoughts, feelings and behaviours due to the Covid 19 pandemic.</p>

Tuesday Burchett Club	£275	<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 £275 will help towards the expenses of getting the club's minibuses roadworthy. The minibuses were used during the pandemic to transport members of the community to vaccination centres in the local area and as the club were unable to hold any meetings, there has been no revenue coming in to cover these costs.</p>
Time to Talk West Berkshire	£400	<p>The organisation provides a free at the point of delivery 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). Last year they worked with 528 young people and offered over 4,000 sessions in 11 locations throughout West Berks.</p> <p>Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £400 will help them to deal with an increase in referrals due to young people struggling to cope with anxiety and depression caused by the Covid 19 outbreak. They have recently seen a 30% increase in referrals with their waitlist up to 100 young people. Funding for their project will help to manage the waitlist and ensure that any further increase is dealt with in a timely manner.</p>
Young People & Children First	£250	<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 £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.</p>