

BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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Brockenhurst Parish Council Grant Policy

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Parish Council to spend some of its money, subject to limits on purposes that it considers to be "in the interests of, and will bring benefit to, their area, or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants." This allows a fixed sum each year per elector to be spent on items not provided by any other legislation.

Brockenhurst Parish Council, however, adopted the General Power of Competence (GPC) under the Localism Act 2011 in May 2023. Under the GPC, the Council has powers to do anything legal which an individual can do.

Grants cannot be made to individuals nor will be given to commercial enterprises. A grant is any payment made by the Council to be used by an organisation for a specific purpose that will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish. The Council awards grants at its discretion to voluntary or charitable organisations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to benefit the Parish by

Providing a service

Enhancing the quality of life

Improving the environment

Promoting the Parish of Brockenhurst in a positive way.

Grant application process

Application should be by completing the Grant Application Form, available on our website, which should be returned with all the relevant information requested.

The Clerk to the Council will receive all applications and documentation in the first instance. The decision on which grants to award and applicants advised accordingly.

Each application will be judged on its own merits.

The Council may make the award of any grant subject to any additional conditions and requirements it considers appropriate. The Council reserves the right to refuse a grant application which it considers to be inappropriate or against the objectives of the Council.

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Next review: November 2024