# **Oxted Parish Council**

# **Grant Aid Policy**

### **Eligibility and Priorities**

* Oxted Parish Council will consider applications for Grant Aid from charities, community groups or other voluntary organisations. The purpose is to provide financial assistance to projects or programmes which are expressly supporting the Oxted and Hurst Green areas.
* The Council will give priority to locally based organisations or groups.
* The Council’s preference is to provide grants for specific projects involving capital expenditure. While grant applications for specific projects/items are more likely to be successful, requests for support towards running costs will also be considered.
* The Council’s aim is to support projects or programmes which support the wider community and applications must show how people in Oxted and Green will benefit.
* The Council will take account of applicants’ access to other sources of funding and grants and the amount of funding received from other sources.

### **Grant Aid Committee: Assessment of Applications**

The Council’s Grant Aid Committee will be responsible for assessing applications and making recommendation for grants. The Committee will develop a set of criteria based on the principles set out above to assesses and score applications as a measure of their absolute and relative merits. Based on this assessment and the amount of funds available for Grant Aid, the Committee will make recommendations for grants to the full Council.

### **Staging of Grant Aid allocation**

A budget for Grant Aid will set for the start of the financial year and applications invited for submission by 1st May. Subject to Council approval, the Grant Aid Committee will allocate a proportion (typically 75%) of the Grant Aid budget for grants to applications received by 1st May, the remainder being held in reserve for distribution later in the year to support suitable projects.

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