

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Cabinet Member

(All sections must be completed (mark "N/A" as applicable))

DECISION MAKER *(Name and designation)*

Sue Carter, Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

The Supporting Communities Grant Scheme for 2023/24 has £20,000 available for allocation as grants.

The scheme is run in two rounds. In round one, £13,000 been allocated to Ward Councillors (£1,000 per ward) to award for projects in their wards that will make a difference to people's lives and help bring communities together. The funding is open to a wide variety of organisations that are active in the local community. Councillors may also apply to help them achieve the local ward objectives, where there is no external sponsoring organisation. A further £7,000 is available for the Portfolio Holder to allocate for borough-wide projects.

For round two, the remaining funds will be available for all Ward Councillors to support projects either through community organisations or via councillor-led projects.

In round one, the following awards have been made:

Aldershot Park Ward Councillors have awarded a grant totalling £412.50:

- £412.50 to Aldershot Methodist Church for the AMC Wellbeing Group

Cherrywood Ward Councillors have awarded a grant totalling £1,000:

- £1,000 to Strategic Health and Wellbeing Services for their Active Living Programme

Manor Park Ward Councillors have awarded a grant totalling £1,000:

- £1,000 to The Friends of Brickfields Country Park for a volunteer tool box

North Town Ward Councillors have awarded grants totalling £555.50:

- £412.50 to Aldershot Methodist Church for the AMC Wellbeing Group
- £143 for a councillor-led project for Neighbourhood Watch Scheme membership

Rowhill Ward Councillors have awarded a grant totalling £650:

- £650 to Aldershot Underwood Bowling Club for a replacement bowling equipment shed

St John's Ward Councillors have awarded a grant totalling £618:

- £618 to the Parish of Cove for signage for St John's churchyard

Wellington Ward Councillors have awarded a grant totalling £500:

- £500 to shots in the Community Foundation for the Vets Hub Christmas lunch

West Heath Ward Councillors have awarded a grant totalling £597:

- £597 to Cove Infant School PTA for 'Better safety outside our school'

Borough-wide projects totalling £4,906 have been awarded by the Portfolio Holder:

- £1,000 to Home-Start Hampshire for a Christmas event
- £1,000 to West Surrey & North East Hampshire Read easy for Read Easy
- £1,000 to Rushmoor Royals Swimming Club for a portable PA system
- £906 to Spaces for Growing for wildflower seed bomb workshops
- £1,000 to Citizens Advice Rushmoor for 'Out 'n' about advice'

Fernhill Ward Councillors, in principle, support a grant of £1,000 to the Heart of Farnborough group for a commemorative bench. However, the location of the bench is not suitable, so a new location needs to be found. The funding will be ring-fenced until the end of the round two application period to give time for a new location of the bench to be found and confirmed. If this is does not happen within the timeframe, the funds will be added to the total amount available for allocation in round two.

In round one £10,239 has been awarded with a further £1,000 ring-fenced. This leaves £8,761 to be carried over for allocation in round two.

Applications for round will be accepted from 12 December 2023 until 12 February 2024.

In addition, organisations will be encouraged to join the Rushmoor Community Lottery if they have not already done so.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

23 November 2023

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)

None.

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

(conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

N/A

Signed _____ **Sue Carter** _____
(Decision Maker)

Designation _____ **Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships Portfolio Holder** _____