

# RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



## Decision taken by individual Cabinet Member

### DECISION MAKER

Councillor Sophie Porter, Healthy Communities & Active Lives Portfolio Holder

### DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

#### Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund grant requests from:

- **£1,563 awarded to Community Grub Hub CIC** for Garden Renovations
- **£5,530 awarded to Hale Community Centre** for Garden and Food Project
- **£2,500 awarded to Holy Trinity Church** for Eco Gardens Welcome Arch

The Community Environmental Fund commenced in 2001. It is levied by Farnborough Airport on business aviation movements at a rate of £2 or £5 per aircraft movement (dependent on aircraft).

The fund is available to groups and organisations under the following criteria:

- Located within 5 kilometres (3 miles) from the centre of Farnborough Airport (taken to be halfway down the main runway) and is demonstrably and regularly affected by aircrafts travelling to and from Farnborough Airport
- Has public access to be available to be enjoyed by the community as a whole and result in the improvement of an outdoor facility or area
- Includes an environmental improvement
- Projects may include: -
  - Green or open spaces
  - Natural habitats
  - Environmental improvements
  - Community projects with an emphasis on improving the local environment

There is £61,524 available for allocation from the Community Environmental Fund.

### DATE DECISION TAKEN

17 APRIL 2026

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Sophie Porter \_\_\_\_\_

Designation \_\_\_ Healthy Communities & Active Lives Portfolio Holder \_\_\_\_\_

## Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

<b>Applicant name and address of project site:</b>	Community Grub Hub CIC, 2a Windsor Way, Aldershot, GU11 1JG		
<b>Purpose of grant:</b>	Garden Renovations		
<b>Grant amount requested:</b>	£1,564	<b>Total cost of project:</b>	£1,564
<b>Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:</b>	2023 – Outdoor Food Sanctuary		
<b>Criteria met?</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comment</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located within distance?</li> <li>• Regularly affected by air movements?</li> <li>• Public access enjoyed by whole community?</li> <li>• Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area?</li> <li>• Include an environmental improvement?</li> </ul>	<p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p>	<p>The Community Grub Hub have a vegetable garden, where they encourage those that visit the foodbank to grow vegetables in small spaces to reduce their dependency on the foodbank. This grant is to enable the Community Grub Hub to further develop their outdoor space and enable additional planting.</p> <p>As well as encouraging visitors to do the same and grow their own food, this is contributing to the reduction of food waste, by distributing food throughout the local community.</p>	
<b>Other sources of funding for this project:</b>	£0	None	
<b>Accounts:</b>	<b>Income:</b> £	<b>Expenditure:</b> £	<b>Balances:</b> £
<b>Additional information:</b>	<p>Every Tuesday the Grub Hub has 250 visitors who use the foodbank and 2500 Rushmoor residents signed up to receive the service. These visitors go through the garden and can see how they can produce fruit and veg, even within a small space.</p> <p>In the future they hope to develop a gardening club that would use this space.</p>		
<b>Aim of organisation/group:</b>	<p>The Community Grub Hub CIC is a community project that provides equitable access to food to people suffering from food insecurity, partly through the redistribution of items that would otherwise go to waste. They have a garden where they demonstrate how to grow fruit and vegetables in a small space. To encourage their visitors to do the same, thus helping to alleviate food poverty.</p>		
<b>Application recommendation:</b>	£1,564		

## Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

<b>Applicant name and address of project site:</b>	Hale Community and Youth Centre, 130 Upper Hale, GU9 OJH		
<b>Purpose of grant:</b>	Garden and Food Project		
<b>Grant amount requested:</b>	£5,530	<b>Total cost of project:</b>	£5,530
<b>Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:</b>	N/A		
<b>Criteria met?</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comment</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located within distance?</li> <li>• Regularly affected by air movements?</li> <li>• Public access enjoyed by whole community?</li> <li>• Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area?</li> <li>• Include an environmental improvement?</li> </ul>	Y Y Y Y Y	<p>This project will involve the revitalisation of Hale Community Centre’s community garden. They grow fruit and vegetables annually to demonstrate to the community how they can grow food in their own garden spaces. This in conjunction with their community fridge and cupboard project.</p> <p>The project includes the replacement of planters, which are currently unsafe. It would also enable them to set up a watering system from their water butts, harvesting rainwater to ensure harvests are maximised. This will ensure watering can take place when volunteers aren’t available.</p>	
<b>Other sources of funding for this project:</b>	£0	-	
<b>Accounts:</b>	<b>Income:</b> £84,181	<b>Expenditure:</b> £91,487	<b>Balances:</b> £85,571
<b>Additional information:</b>	<p>A garden volunteer team look after their garden. The centre also uses the garden for other activities, such as a children’s gardening club and workshops.</p> <p>The centre welcomes in excess of 250 people to the centre each week and the community they serve includes areas of deprivation.</p>		
<b>Aim of organisation/group:</b>	<p>They are a standalone charity, creating opportunities and a safe space for anyone in their community. Their vision is to create lasting positive change with an ethos of working ‘with’, rather than ‘for’; and their Mission is to provide a safe, welcoming and inspiring environment where the whole community is encouraged and enabled to thrive.</p>		
<b>Application recommendation:</b>	£5,530		

## Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

<b>Applicant name and address of project site:</b>	Holy Trinity Church, Windsor Way, Aldershot, GU11 1SJ		
<b>Purpose of grant:</b>	Holy Trinity Community Eco Gardens Welcome Arch		
<b>Grant amount requested:</b>	£2,500	<b>Total cost of project:</b>	£6740
<b>Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:</b>	n/a		
<b>Criteria met?</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Comment</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located within distance?</li> <li>• Regularly affected by air movements?</li> <li>• Public access enjoyed by whole community?</li> <li>• Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area?</li> <li>• Include an environmental improvement?</li> </ul>	Y Y Y Y	<p>This project is for the installation of a metal welcome arch to the entrance of the Community Eco Garden from Victoria Road. The arch aims to create a clear, safe and welcoming access point to the gardens and to show that the space is open to be enjoyed by the community.</p> <p>The project aims to improve the public access to the space and encourage the use of the garden's community benefit. It will support their community gardening activity, informal social connection and provide a welcoming route to the garden for those who may not otherwise realise it is an open space.</p> <p>This aims to promote wellbeing through connection with nature.</p>	
<b>Other sources of funding for this project:</b>	£3000 £1200	Donation (Church Member) Charity funding application	
<b>Accounts:</b>	<b>Income:</b>	£252,406	<b>Expenditure:</b> £204,195 <b>Balances:</b> £278,140
<b>Additional information:</b>	<p>The timescales will depend on lead time for the construction of the arch and volunteer support will be sought for the groundwork and installation. They believe that this could strengthen the community connection and long-term stewardship of the space.</p>		
<b>Aim of organisation/group:</b>	<p>Holy Trinity Church (Aldershot) PCC is a registered charity serving Aldershot and the wider Rushmoor community. Alongside regular worship, they provide community-facing support and activities including families and children's work, practical support for those in need, and partnership with local groups.</p> <p>Their Community Eco Garden project aims to improve local access to green space, encourage community gardening and biodiversity, and provide a welcoming outdoor area that supports wellbeing and community connection.</p>		
<b>Application recommendation:</b>	£2,500		