

REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL



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Subject	Small Grant Applications

PURPOSE:

1. To provide details of the Grant Applications that were awarded at the last Finance, Employment & Services (FES) Committee meeting.

BACKGROUND:

2. Colne Town Council has a commitment to encourage, support and promote local community, voluntary and not-for-profit organisations in Colne for the benefit of the Town.
3. The Town Council currently operates three different grant schemes as follows:
 - Small Grant Scheme
 - Climate Change Grant Scheme
 - Nature Reserve Grant Scheme
4. Colne Town Council has adopted a Small Grants Policy that is reviewed regularly. (Please refer to appendix 1 of this report for details.)
5. The agreed budget for the financial year commencing 1st April 2026 includes a total of £8,100 collectively for Climate Change and Community Projects, and a top up to £15,000 for the Nature Reserve Grant.
6. The grants awarded are normally restricted to £1,000 for Small Grants, £1,500 for Climate Change Grants and £5,000 for Nature Reserve Grants, however these limits may be lifted at the Committees discretion.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

7. Please find information relating to the Grant Applications already awarded for 2026/27 below:
 - Waterside Millenium Green Trust – The Trust were awarded a sum of £1,000 to help with funding for security at a free family friendly event on Saturday, 27th June 2026 from 11am – 8pm in the central space of the Millenium Green.

- Elisha House – Elisha House was awarded a sum of £1,000 to help fund an early intervention programme for young people in Colne and the wider Pendle area who are NEET or at risk of substance misuse and anti-social behaviour.

GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

8. Please find details of the grant applications that were awarded in July 2026:

Colne Dramatic Society – Re the Little Theatre

Project Title – Stage surround improvements and installation of visual aids.

Brief details of the Project – The removal of existing fibreboard that surrounds the front of the stage, this has been installed since the mid 1940's, and installation of new materials and a new projection screen and curtains. The previous screen's mechanism is broken and unsafe to use.

Main Outcome to be achieved – This project will help to enhance the visual aspect of the stage and improve the safety of all the visitors to the theatre.

Total Project Costs £2,500 – **Amount Awarded £1,000.**

Alkincoates Woodland Nature Reserve

Project Title – Multiple Projects & Purchases

Brief details of the Project:

- Ongoing Expenditure – Tree Felling @ £500 per day, Dry Stone Wall Repairs @ £70 per metre, Stock Fencing @ £15 per metre, Wildflower Seeds @ £160 per kg, Hedge Row Saplings £66 for 30 trees (Woodland Trust).
- Purchases – Wall Mounted External Notice Board £277, Wildlife Camera Trap (Spypoint Flex) £160, Camera Drone (N11 Pro) £102, Prints for 6 new Interpretation Boards @ 6 x £45, Stihl Brush Cutter £500.
- Plus, ongoing management, maintenance & development of the reserve.

Main Outcomes to be achieved: To continue improving and developing the reserve. Tree felling is required primarily due to ash dieback. The Wildlife Camera Trap will enable us to monitor our progress in increasing wildlife. The Drone Camera will be used to monitor the tree canopy, check the wetland and photograph wildlife. The Brush Cutter will enable us to completely clear overgrown brambles etc to create more spaces and encourage biodiversity.

Total Project Costs £10,000 - **Amount Awarded £5,000.**

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

9. The collective total for the grants awarded comes to £8,000, leaving £8,375 for Climate Change and Community Grants, and a total of £10,000 for Nature Reserve Grants for the remainder of the year.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

- **Appendix 1 – CTC Small Grants Policy** For further info, please contact: Gina Langley