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Reference	QGFQLBND			Community Chest Grant
Name of Organisation	Croydon Reading Room			
Organisation Type	Charity - 1185668			
CCVS Registered	No			
Parish	Croydon			
Landowner	Croydon Reading Room			
Project Type	Improvements to community buildings and spaces			
Green option considered?	Yes- bricks sold for re-use and recycled seating			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes 2021
	Quote	Yes	Mission Statement	Yes
District Councillor Support	Yes- Cllr Heather Williams			
Parish Council Support – does the PC support this project in principle	Yes			
Have the parish council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase? and how much?	Yes £2,800 towards new flooring			
Officer Summary	-			
<p>Formed in 2019, The Croydon Reading Room (https://www.croydonreadingroom.co.uk/), stands on land owned by the Village and is run by six voluntary trustees. Pre-Covid it was well used for events including Elections, dance groups, Tia Chi, Jazz Club, children's parties, First Tuesday Group, Parish Council Meetings, coffee mornings, parties, wakes, fund raising events, training & even a Wedding Reception! Being the only such facility in Croydon, it is a vital part of the village; the need for a community facility such as this is also stated in the Croydon Parish Plan.</p> <p>However, the Reading Room is badly in need of repair and restoration to broaden and extend its use. New ideas for its use include a Home Working Hub & warm hub. The addition of an attractive outside area will also provide funding opportunities such as coffee mornings, as well as opportunities for hiring from groups and individuals.</p> <p>Improvements to the building and outside areas amount to £24,671 and much of the below work has already been completed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Removal of shed (chairs and tables temporarily back in the Reading Room), dismantling of the redundant and damp chimney and formation of new door in North Wall- £8,200 2. Construction of the Storeroom, and the new doors opening onto a terrace and play area- £4,510 3. Widened Kitchen hatch fireproof doors- £376 4. Construction of steps, seating and picnic table paved area and turfing/seeding and continuation of a Jubilee Garden which was designed and made by the Villagers- £1,500 5. Construction of pitched roof porch over disabled entrance- £1,835 6. New path to the rear and paving of rear courtyard- £2,500 7. Inside and out decoration & repairs- £2,900 8. New Flooring- £2,850 <p>£2,000 is being requested from the Community Chest for the outside play area & terrace. A grand opening & raffle will take place in February when work on the outside play area & terrace will begin. The cleaned chimney bricks were recently sold for £410 locally and several fund-raising plans are in</p>				

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progress, including a car show in July. Lots of the work is being done by Villagers or when tradespeople can do it cheaply between jobs.

The Parish Council have also contributed £2,800 for the new flooring.

Cllr Heather Williams:

I can confirm that I support the application for funding. The Assembly Room is the only parish village amenity. There is little to no recreation space for children and the improvements would help seek to address this. Croydon residents work incredibly hard to improve their village and have done an excellent job to raise the funds they have so far from a small parish - they simply need a little help from SCDC to help get them across the line. I believe that committee should support this application and provide a helping hand with this project.

Total Project Cost:	£24,671	Total Applied For:	£2,000
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Cost Of Living

Reference	QGNKWFPH			Community Chest Grant
Name of Organisation	Disability Huntingdonshire - DISH			
Organisation Type	Charity - 1198841			
CCVS Registered	Yes			
Parish	Multiple			
Landowner	N/A			
Project Type	Start-up costs			
Green option considered?	N/A			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Quote	Yes	Mission Statement	Yes
District Councillor Support	N/A			
Parish Council Support – does the PC support this project in principle	N/A			
Have the parish council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase? and how much?	No			
Officer Summary	-			

Disability Huntingdonshire (DISH) is a small local charity set up to provide specialist benefit advice, support, and advocacy for people of all ages with disabilities throughout Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire

Support with form preparation is provided for the following disability welfare benefits:

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children up to 16
- Employment Support Allowance (ESA)
- Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

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- Attendance Allowance (AA)
- Carers Allowance
- Mandatory Reconsideration, Appeal preparation and attendance at Tribunal

Other support includes:

- Client Advocacy – to work with our clients who may need additional support e.g.: liaison with housing, debt advice, energy advice, foodbanks, mutual aid societies
- Volunteering – volunteers support clients with a buddy service as they are going through the benefit application process, which can be a very stressful time for them.

Funding from the Community Chest is requested to establish a once-a-month advice service (known as Advice On Your Doorstep) to the disabled community in South Cambridgeshire. This would be at a pre-agreed location and would benefit disabled residents by maximising their income, providing information and signposting to other organisations. For example, supporting with disability benefit, attendance allowance and carers allowance queries. Having trialled this outreach in other areas (Ramsey, Huntingdon), DISH feel it would be beneficial to the South Cambridgeshire residents too.

The project would be developed over a year (2023 –24) by increasing the hours of one of their staff members so they could facilitate the outreach session. If successful, it will be expanded in further years and with more frequency.

Total project costs of £1,531.92 are being requested from the Community chest:

Proposed Project Expenditure	Amount of Project
Staff Hours (additional) 5 hours per month including admin (12 months)	£696.60
Mileage paid @45per mile -Huntingdon to Papworth (etc)return	£100.00
Venue costs - based on average of £20 per hour	£480.00
Management costs including reporting	£255.32
Total	£1,531.92

Please note- DISH Huntingdonshire were awarded a £6,289 Service Support Grant (SSG) at November's GAC (total amount requested £34,186). Their SSG application was for funding to provide extra staffing, support through appeals, food/fuel/debt/and housing issues and the recruitment of telephone buddy volunteers whilst applications are being processed. It also included this initiative but as part funding was provided through the SSG process not all the planned work could be progressed. They are now approaching this as a separate project and bidding for CCG funding to carry this out.

Total Project Cost:	£1,531.92	Total Applied For:	£1,531.92
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Biodiversity

Reference	RWTJKTDM	Community Chest Grant
Name of Organisation	Sheddit!	

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Organisation Type	Charity - 1182235			
CCVS Registered	Yes			
Parish	Swavesey			
Landowner	Swavesey Parish Council			
Project Type	Improvements to community buildings and spaces			
Green option considered?	Yes			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Quote	Yes	Mission Statement	Yes
District Councillor Support	Yes-Cllr Sue Ellington			
Parish Council Support – does the PC support this project in principle	Yes			
Have the parish council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase? and how much?	Yes £600 01/01/2023			
Officer Summary	-			
<p>Sheddit! is a community organisation formed in 2019 that organises activities for local people. These are aimed at reducing social isolation and promoting opportunities for social engagement, skill sharing and building friendships. There are currently 25 members who meet and carry out creative projects of their own choosing, individually, jointly and for the benefit of the wider community. These projects include repairing and building items for the benefit of individuals and the wider community. Projects promote sustainability through recycling, reuse, sharing and reducing consumption of materials.</p> <p>This project is about involving different parts of the local community in making Swavesey a more wildlife friendly, biodiverse, and enjoyable place. Working together with local groups and individuals (scouts, cubs, local ecologist, local gardener, Parish Council, primary school and residents), areas in the village have been identified for planting and rewilding. Consent for this has been provided by The Parish Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) and Swavesey Primary School.</p> <p>The areas on SCDC and Parish Council land will be accessed by any member of the public and will improve the overall aesthetic of the area. The raised beds in the primary school will naturally be limited to pupils, their families and the staff. However, these benefits will remain for many years to come as students pass through the school.</p> <p>The primary school will introduce some growing beds for the reception aged children to learn and enjoy planting and caring for their plants, the Eco Committee at the primary school will work towards their School's Gold Eco Award by being one of the 'planting groups', along with various other children's group such as Scouts, Rainbows, Beavers, and also various local adults who live in the vicinity of the areas identified.</p> <p>Following on from two very well attended and received sustainability events and a primary school biodiversity project this year, the group will seek to include residents in identifying and sharing plants which they have in abundance in their own gardens for the communal areas. Donations of plants and seeds have already been received and a springtime event will further aid this.</p> <p>Total project costs are £2,444 (including In-kind contributions) and £1,795 has been requested from the Community Chest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil- £850 • Rotavator hire-£95 • School raised beds- £550 				

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small shrubs £300 <p>In-kind contributions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildflower & grass seed-£49 (local business- CDTS South & East Ltd) • Bulbs- £200 (Parish Council) • Digger- £400 (Parish Council) <p>Cllr Sue Ellington: <i>I think this project sounds fantastic in that it involves young people who will have the advantage of watching the areas develop over their lives and encourage native wildlife to our village</i></p>			
Total Project Cost:	£2,444	Total Applied For:	£1,795

Applications deferred from previous meetings for consideration

Reference	MLWXPVRR	Community Chest Grant		
Name of Organisation	Cambridge Online			
Organisation Type	Charity-1097218			
CCVS Registered	Yes			
Parish	Based in Cambridge but will benefit Waterbeach, Cambourne, Fen Ditton			
Landowner	N/A			
Project Type	Equipment / capital purchase and materials			
Green option considered?				
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Quote	Yes	Mission Statement	Yes
District Councillor Support	N/A- benefits multiple parishes			
Parish Council Support – does the PC support this project in principle	N/A			
Have the parish council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase? and how much?	N/A			
Officer Summary	-			

This application was deferred from November's Grant's Advisory Committee meeting. Below is a summary provided in that meeting:

Cambridge Online is an educational charity and social enterprise consisting of 32 members (15 of these are from South Cambridgeshire). The charity helps people in Cambridgeshire get online by teaching digital skills and providing a range of courses to help people make the most of being online – for example, searching and applying for jobs, shopping online, using Facebook and socialising online, contacting government and health services, and for leisure and healthy living purposes.

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IT services and support to the community are provided through their community hub and digital outreach sessions. Support is also given to charities, voluntary and non-profit organisations in Cambridge City, including equipment loans. The Charity also specialises in helping disadvantaged and disabled people and have donated over 100 laptops this year. Three more workstations have also opened at the Hester Adrian Centre in Cambridge as the average numbers per session have grown.

The charity is currently in need of purchasing new tablets and smart phones to loan out to those disadvantaged as the cost-of-living crisis has meant demand has greatly increased over the last six months. It is estimated that 1 in 6 families will not have access to a device and the internet, this in part widens the gap for the poorer families, with no chance of finding cheaper deals on the internet, or to search for employment, fill out important online submissions or keep in contact with family and friends.

Funding is requested for 10 tablets and 8 mobile phones for donation to be shared between clients at Fen Ditton, Cambourne and Waterbeach (clients will be shown how to use the devices and to access google, set up email addresses and bank accounts online etc). Total project costs are £2,000 all of which is requested through the Community Chest:

- 10 new tablets for donation £1,100
- Connectivity for tablets £175
- 8 mobile telephones (reconditioned) £640
- Set up costs £85

Applications for laptops, tablets and mobile phones can be made online and those with no internet access can either call the centre or come into the centre where staff will help the client to fill in the form. Promotion will include a feature in their monthly newsletter which is sent to everyone who has provided an email address, and this is also available to collect from their main office.

Assessments of eligibility depend on need- for example, low-income and unemployed families, those needing help to complete training courses and those wanting to search for jobs.

As this project spans multiple wards, the grant process does not include contacting all local members this initiative would cover. However, Cambridge Online directly contacted Cllr Graham Cone as part of their application process and he has provided his support.

The application was deferred pending details of the following details:

- Further information on their relationship with Cambridge City Council
- If they intend to publicise on their website that they are branching out into South Cambridgeshire

This information has now been provided:

- Cambridge City Council has supported Cambridge Online through grants. These grants fund the main learning hub at the Hester Adrian Centre, the internet kiosks and three members of staff within Cambridge City and does not include South Cambs, although if people in South Cambs wish to use the Hester Adrian Centre then they can attend for free (residents from South Cambridgeshire make up 15% of the guests at the centre).
- If they receive funding from the Community Chest, this will be added to their website stating the support provided. This has already been done for previous grants received from the Council- <https://cambridgeonline.org.uk/south-cambs-winter-support-grant/> . They will also publicise all the communities they support when they upgrade their website.

Total Project Cost:	£2,000	Total Applied For:	£2,000
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Reference	KFJPFMTS	Community Chest Grant		
Name of Organisation	Bourn Sports Club			
Organisation Type	Community Group			
CCVS Registered	Yes			
Parish	Bourn			
Landowner	Bourn Parish Council own the pavilion and there is a long term lease for the tennis courts from South Cambridgeshire District Council to Bourn Parish Council.			
Project Type	Improvements to community buildings and spaces			
Green option considered?	Yes			
Documentation Status	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Quote	Yes	Mission Statement	Yes
District Councillor Support	Yes- Cllr Tumi Hawkins			
Parish Council Support – does the PC support this project in principle	Yes			
Have the parish council supported the group financially previously? If yes when, what did the group purchase? and how much?	Yes- The Parish Council has agreed to contribute £9,790			
Officer Summary				

This application was deferred from November’s Grant’s Advisory Committee meeting. Below is a summary provided in that meeting:

Bourn Sports Club is a registered Charity formed in 1995 which aims to prioritise the wellbeing of all children and adults at risk and to provide community sports activities for residents of Bourn and nearby villages. Currently there are 140 members. 2022 prices are:

- £12 Junior (under 18)
- £12 Concession (students, unemployed, seniors over 65)
- £25 Adult
- £50 Family (up to 2 adults and any number of children living at the same address)

The main users of the tennis courts are members of Bourn Tennis Club. Court charges are £5 per hour for non-members.

The Sports Club would like to replace the luminaires and drivers on their tennis court floodlights as well as replace the current halogen bulbs with low-energy LED bulbs. Halogen bulbs are being phased out nationally as part of a series of measures to address climate change. LED floodlights use just 10% of the electricity used by Halogen bulbs and are the recommended solution to replacing floodlights.

The following work is required:

- Take down and store/remove from site all existing floodlight luminaires and control gear.
- Supply and install 6 LED floodlight luminaires complete with attached drivers.

Total costs are £11,944 plus VAT, and £2,000 has been requested from the Community chest.

The application was deferred pending details of the following details:

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- Information relating to the relationship between the Sports Club and the Parish Council
- Whether it is the Parish Council, or the sports Club who are the recipient of a Mick George Community Fund grant.

This information has now been provided:

- The relationship between the Sports Club and the Parish Council is one of co-operation, but they are two independent organisations. However, there is no formal lease between the Parish Council and the club.
- The Mick George grant application was made in the name of Bourn Parish Council and they will receive the funding.

Total Project Cost:	£11,944 plus VAT	Total Applied For:	£2,000
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