

Appendix 1

1. Eastwood Town Council

Eastwood Town Council has submitted a request for up to £4,149 towards the cost of security, event management, first aid, entertainment costs, hire of stage and sound equipment and other sundry expenses for the 'Bloomin Marvellous' Festival 2025.

The festival will draw together local businesses, organisations, groups, families and residents towards improved community cohesion, provide an opportunity to enjoy free entrance to family entertainment and activities for all ages throughout the town during the weekend of 5 and 6 July 2025.

On the Saturday, local shops, businesses, pubs, organisations and food outlets will join the Sunflower emblem theme and organise activities and events throughout the town. A directional numbered map will be placed in each participating window of organisations and businesses taking place to provide a trail of activities co-ordinated with the weekend schedule.

On the Sunday, a Summer Festival will take place on Coronation Park at Eastwood with musical entertainment, fairground rides, stalls, activities, demonstrations and food stalls taking place from 11am until 4pm. Arrangements are in place to provide professional support including security, first aid, toilet and lost children services. A professional team will be event managing the scheme on behalf of the Town Council.

In addition, a weekend craft fair will be taking place at St. Mary's Church. A flower festival event will also take place organised by the four town churches. Eastwood Community Football Club will also be involved in the event, with sports activities taking place at the ground.

Such a request is in line with the Protocol for the Consideration of Grant Aid requests from Parish and Town Councils for the following key reasons:

- Events such as the 'Bloomin Marvellous' Festival complement the services provided by Broxtowe Borough Council and are often organised by parish/town councils throughout the Borough.
- The provision of events such as the 'Bloomin Marvellous' Festival contributes towards community cohesion, helps to combat social exclusion and loneliness and assists with the development of Town Centres.

Financial Information

The closing balance of Eastwood Town Council funds as at 31 March 2025 was £15,214 (2024: £59,191), represented entirely by cash and short term investments. The Eastwood Town Council annual precept for 2025/26 is £212,000 (2024/25: £121,293), an effective uplift of 75.0%.

Appendix 2

Protocol for Consideration of Grant Aid to Parish and Town Councils

The key provisions of the Protocol for the Consideration of Grant Aid requests from Parish and Town Councils are:

1. Grant aid will only be given in support of specific projects or services and not as a general grant towards the services provided by a parish/town council.
2. Revenue grant aid will only be considered towards services which act as a replacement for services which otherwise Broxtowe Borough Council would have to provide or which supplement services which the borough council provides so as to reduce the costs that Broxtowe would otherwise incur.
3. In applying for grant assistance the parish/town council will need to demonstrate how the service or project in question contributes to Broxtowe's aims and objectives as laid out in the Corporate Plan and the Sustainable Community Strategy.
4. In applying for grant aid assistance the parish/town council will need to provide evidence as to why they do not have the financial resources to provide the services or project in question and what the consequences would be for local residents and businesses if the service was withdrawn or the project not completed. This will include a requirement for the parish/town council to detail what other funding sources they have secured (or otherwise) and to provide a statement as to any reserves held and their planned use.
5. Preference will be given to support for the provision of mandatory services as compared with discretionary services.
6. Where grant aid is to cover the cost of a specified service, the parish/town council will be responsible at its own cost for providing an audited statement within six months of the end of the financial year concerned to confirm the amount of expenditure incurred and income received against which grant aid may be payable. Any grant payable would then be adjusted retrospectively if necessary following receipt of such an audited statement.
7. Grant aid will only be in respect of additional costs directly incurred by the parish/town council and will not cover the cost of any general overheads which the parish/town council would otherwise incur anyway as a result of their operations.
8. Grant aid will be cash limited in each year and the responsibility for costs increasing beyond the cash limit will normally rest with the parish/town council. Where such cost increases are considered to be unavoidable and beyond the parish/town council's control, then Broxtowe may be approached to seek a further grant award.

9. Where the parish/town council wishes to vary the service provided for which grant aid has been awarded, this should only take place after full consultation and with the agreement of Broxtowe.
10. Preference will be given towards one off capital projects rather than as a regular annual contribution towards the ongoing costs of providing services.
11. The parish/town council shall be required to provide such information as Broxtowe may reasonably request as to the actual outputs and outcomes arising from any service or project where Broxtowe makes a contribution.
12. Any grant contribution that may be awarded by Broxtowe need not be at the rate of 100% of net expenditure incurred but may be at a lesser rate to reflect such as its own corporate priorities, budgetary constraints or the availability of similar services or projects elsewhere.
13. Revenue grants will normally only be awarded for one year although an indicative amount for the following year may be given at Broxtowe's discretion. Capital grant aid will be towards the cost of a specific one-off project.
14. Requests for grant aid in respect of a particular financial year should normally be submitted by the end of October of the preceding year at the latest to assist with forward budget planning for both Broxtowe and the parish/town council. Broxtowe will endeavour to make a decision on such requests by the end of December in the year preceding that for which grant aid is requested.

Appendix 3

Grant Aid Awards to Parish and Town Councils

The table below lists the grants awarded under this scheme since 2022/23.

Date	Council	Amount	Purpose
19/07/22	Awsworth Parish Council	£500	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
19/07/22	Nuthall Parish Council	£2,590	New defibrillators
19/07/22	Kimberley Town Council	£6,300	Christmas lights switch-on 2021
04/10/22	Nuthall Parish Council	£2,330	Remembrance Parade
04/10/22	Nuthall Parish Council	£2,100	Cemetery Maintenance
04/10/22	Stapleford Town Council	£2,194	Remembrance Event
01/11/22	Stapleford Town Council	£6,450	Contribution to refurbishment
01/11/22	Kimberley Town Council	£1,958	Remembrance Event
25/07/23	Eastwood Town Council	£820	Summer Activities for Young People
25/07/23	Awsworth Parish Council	£5,000	Various Capital Projects
03/10/23	Eastwood Town Council	£2,250	War Memorial Maintenance
03/10/23	Kimberley Town Council	£2,059	Remembrance Event
03/10/23	Nuthall Parish Council	£2,290	Remembrance Event
05/12/23	Stapleford Town Council	£2,405	Remembrance Event
01/10/24	Kimberley Town Council	£1,996	Remembrance Event
01/10/24	Kimberley Town Council	£1,500	Christmas Market
01/10/24	Nuthall Parish Council	£2,350	Remembrance Event
01/10/24	Stapleford Town Council	£2,505	Remembrance Event
03/12/24	Eastwood Town Council	£1,722	Remembrance Event
03/12/24	Eastwood Town Council	£993	Memorial Restoration
03/06/25	Kimberley Town Council	£1,919	Kimberley Food Festival