

Appendix 1

Applications

The following grant application has been received for consideration:

		<u>Previous Year Grant Award</u> £	<u>Current Year Grant Request</u> £
5th Stapleford Scout Group	1	4,500	5,750

1. 5TH STAPLEFORD SCOUT GROUP

5th Stapleford Scout Group was established in 1964 and is currently based at Stapleford House, Wesley Place in Stapleford. The Group currently has around 120 members of all ages (scouts, cubs, beavers, leaders and voluntary helpers), the majority of whom are residents of Broxtowe. The aim of the 5th Stapleford Scout Group is to provide activities within the scout association organisation. The Group provides a safe and fun environment for children aged between 4 and 18 to learn new skills, meet new people, have adventure and develop themselves.

5th Stapleford Scout Group is due to relocate to the new Community Pavilion at Hickings Lane in Stapleford in October 2025.

Financial Information

For the year ended 29 February 2024, income of £10,017 (2023: £18,754) was generated from membership fees, grants, donations and fundraising and other activities. Expenditure amounted to £10,311 (2023: £19,310) and included equipment, badges, maintenance, insurance and the cost of activities and events. Cash and bank balances as at 29 February 2024 were £13,935.

More recent financial statements are not currently available as the group has changed its financial year end to 30 September. The group has however indicated its current reserves to be £16,469.

Grant Request

The Council has regularly supported the 5th Stapleford Scout Group for many years with grant aid towards its rental obligations. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2024/25	£4,500
2023/24	£4,500
2022/23	£4,500
2021/22	£4,500

For 2025/26, the 5th Stapleford Scout Group has requested a grant of £5,750.

Of this request, £2,250 is to cover the market rental of the accommodation at Stapleford House for the period April to September 2025. This element of the potential grant award would have no effect on the Council's overall budget, with the award being matched in the Council's premises income budget.

The remaining £3,500 is to cover the market rental of the accommodation at the new pavilion at Hickings Lane, Stapleford, for the remainder of the financial year. As the rental income is due to Liberty Leisure Limited, rather than the Council, this would be a cash grant payable to 5th Stapleford Scout Group.

Such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- The services provided by 5th Stapleford Scout Group benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of 5th Stapleford Scout Group provide educational and cocurricular benefits to local children and young people.
- Uniformed Groups such as 5th Stapleford Scout Group are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for grant aid.