

Appendix

Applications

The following grant applications have been received for consideration:

		<u>Previous Grant Award</u> £	<u>Current Grant Request</u> £
2 nd Kimberley Scout Group	1	7,000	7,000*
Kimberley Swimming Club	2	-	2,000
Chilwell Community Association	3	3,150	3,150*
Stapleford Community Group	4	10,700	11,200*
DH Lawrence Music Festival	5	2,500	2,500
			<u>25,850</u>

*Note: These requests are for primarily for grants to cover the cost of rental for Council owned premises and, as such, are non-cash grants awarded via an internal transfer in the Council's financial systems. Of these, the application from Stapleford Community Group also includes a request for a 'cash grant' contribution towards general running costs of £3,000.

1. 2ND KIMBERLEY SCOUT GROUP

The 2nd Kimberley Scout Group was established in 1986 and is based in Council owned premises at Kettlebrook Lodge on Eastwood Road in Kimberley. The Group continues to thrive and has over 120 members (both junior members and voluntary helpers), all from within Broxtowe.

The aim of the Group is to provide activities within the Scout Association organisation. The Group is responsible for the maintenance and up-keep of Kettlebrook Lodge as a community venue. The facilities are utilised by the Scouts and Guides organisation, a playgroup and for other events and functions.

Financial Information

The latest accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 showed receipts of £37,709 (2024: £42,242) being generated from grants, donations, subscriptions, fundraising and other activities, including premises rental. Payments amounted to £30,560 (2024: £35,649) which included maintenance, utilities, meetings, events and other expenses. The General Fund is represented by cash and bank balances, which at 31 March 2025 amounted to £27,667 (2024: £20,518).

Grant Request

For 2025/26 the 2nd Kimberley Scout Group has requested a grant of £7,000 to cover the market rental of Kettlebrook Lodge. This grant would be for a period of one year and would be matched by allowances within the premises income budget and therefore leave the Council's overall budget unchanged.

The Council has regularly supported 2nd Kimberley Scout Group with grant aid towards its rental obligations with the grants awarded in the past four years being as follows:

2024/25	£7,000
2023/24	£7,000
2022/23	£7,000
2021/22	£7,000

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

- The services provided by 2nd Kimberley Scout Group benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of 2nd Kimberley Scout Group provide educational and co-curricular benefits to local children and young people.
- Uniformed Groups such as 2nd Kimberley Scout Group are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for grant aid.

2. KIMBERLEY SWIMMING CLUB

Kimberley Swimming Club provides swimming sessions for children, young adults and people with disabilities in a safe space with the objective of helping people to lead an active lifestyle and enter into competitions. The club currently has 164 members of which 141 live in Broxtowe.

Since the closure of Kimberley Leisure Centre, the club has had no permanent base for its activities and has been obliged to make use of facilities outside of the Borough in Heanor, Ilkeston, Harvey Haddon and Bulwell, leading to a general increase in costs.

Financial Information

In the year ending 30 September 2025, Kimberley Swimming Club generated income of £51,257, primarily from pool sessions, membership fees, gala fees and other fundraising activities. Total expenditure for the year was £64,648, primarily consisting of pool hire, lifeguard costs, gala costs and purchase of trophies. Total funds held at 30 September 2025 were £29,823 (2024: £41,865).

Grant Request

For 2025/26 Kimberley Swimming Club has requested a grant of £2,000 to assist with its general running costs. This is the first recent application that has been received from Kimberley Swimming Club.

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

- The services provided by Kimberley Swimming Club benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of Kimberley Swimming Club provide educational and co-curricular benefits to local children and young people.

3. CHILWELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Chilwell Community Association was set up with its own Constitution in January 2002 and is responsible for the day-to-day management and development of the Council premises at Chilwell Community Centre on Inham Road in Chilwell.

The aim of the Association is to provide facilities at a reasonable cost to enable local community groups and individuals to use the premises for a variety of purposes including occasional events. The main user of the facility is the Nottinghamshire County Council Library Service and this provides an important resource and meeting place for the community. Educational space is also offered during term-time for vulnerable students.

Financial Information

For the year ended 31 March 2025, the Chilwell Community Association generated receipts of £14,370 (2024: £13,200) almost entirely from fees. Payments amounted to £18,141 (2024: £13,144) including rent, wages, property maintenance, utilities, insurance and other miscellaneous costs. Cash and bank balances as at 31 March 2025 were £62,260 (2024: £62,879). These funds are earmarked towards the enhancement of facilities at the Community Centre and to provide initial financial support to newly formed groups using the Centre in order for them to become established for long-term use.

Grant Request

The Council has previously supported Chilwell Community Association with grants towards its premises rental. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2024/25	£3,150
2023/24	£3,150
2022/23	£3,150
2021/22	£3,150

For 2025/26, the Association has requested a similar grant of £3,150 to cover the market rent of the Chilwell Community Centre. This grant award would be for a period of one year and would have no effect on the Council's overall budget, with the award being matched in the premises income budget.

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

- The services provided by Chilwell Community Association benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of Chilwell Community Association target the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of the community, in particular helping to combat loneliness and social exclusion within the Borough, as well as providing educational and co-curricular benefits to local children.
- Community Associations such as Chilwell Community Association are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for Grant Aid.

4. STAPLEFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Stapleford Community Group was established in 2011 and was formally constituted with a management committee from June 2013. The aim of the Group is to improve the quality of life for local residents and to act as an advocate and representative for Stapleford residents and businesses.

The primary activities of the Group are the provision of a Community Hub, the Stapleford Food Project, a 'Jobs Fayre', housing support, family support, vocational skills training, providing volunteering opportunities and overall to provide a 'safe and warm space at the heart of the community'.

Since June 2024, the Group has been based in the Council-owned community centre at Montrose Court, Stapleford.

Financial Information

For the year ended 31 January 2026, income of £8,520 (2023: £13,990) was generated primarily from grants and donations. Annual expenditure of £10,520 (2023: £14,920) related to equipment purchase, utilities, charitable donations, transport and other running expenses. The closing cash balance as at 31 January 2026 was £6,610.

Grant Request

Stapleford Community Group has requested a grant of £8,200 to cover the assessed rental cost for one year. In addition, a further £3,000 has been requested to assist with utilities and other operating costs for the centre. If approved, the rental component of the grant would be 'paid' via an internal transfer within the Council's financial systems. Accordingly, the only 'cash' element of this application is £3,000.

The Council has previously supported Stapleford Community Group, as follows:

2025/26	£10,700
2024/25	£10,700

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

- The services provided by Stapleford Community Group benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of Stapleford Community Group target the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of the community, in particular helping to combat loneliness and social exclusion within the Borough.
- Community Associations such as Stapleford Community Group are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for Grant Aid.

5. D H LAWRENCE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The D H Lawrence Music Festival is a music festival that promotes local songwriters and performers, brings the community together and music fans from outside of Broxtowe into Eastwood. This helps local businesses, including the venues and food establishments people visit throughout the day. The festival also promotes one of Eastwood's most important figures, D H Lawrence.

The festival runs over the course of one day, bringing around 150 individual artists into the area, performing their original music. Twelve stages at venues across Eastwood are planned for the festival this year which takes place on 5 September 2026 (to coincide with the birth date of D H Lawrence on the 11 September).

Financial Information

As an annual festival run by independent musicians, there is no formally constituted 'group' as such which prepares financial statements for scrutiny, nor does the festival hold a separate bank account.

The applicant has provided a budget for the festival which estimates the cost of the festival at approximately £2,500. This consists primarily of promotional material, decoration throughout venues (banners and other advertising), programmes, expenses payments to artists (£1,100) and organisers' time (£350) with regards to administration and on-the-day running of the event.

Officers are sufficiently assured that the 'not-for-profit' aims of the festival and the promotional nature of this local event, with its links to music and the arts, is sufficient for the request to be considered for an award under the policy.

Grant Request

For the 2026 event, a grant of £2,500 has been requested by the D H Lawrence Music Festival towards / to cover the costs of promoting and organising the festival as detailed above.

The Council has previously supported the D H Lawrence Music Festival, as follows:

2024/25	£2,500
2023/24	£2,500
2022/23	£2,500

2021/22

£2,500

In addition to the local economic and cultural benefits, an award for the 2026 festival would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- The D H Lawrence Music Festival benefits Broxtowe residents, enhancing their quality of life, and is complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The D H Lawrence Music Festival helps to combat loneliness and social exclusion within the Borough.