

Appendix

Application

The following grant applications have been received for consideration:

| | | <u>Previous Grant Award</u> £ | <u>Current Grant Request</u> £ |
|--|---|--|---|
| New Stapleford Community Association | 1 | 4,000 | 4,000* |
| 5 th Stapleford Scout Group | 2 | 5,750 | 7,000 |
| The Pythian Club | 3 | - | 1,500 |
| MishMash Productions | 4 | - | 3,500 |
| Friends of Bennerley Viaduct | 5 | - | 3,000 |
| | | | <u>19,000</u> |

Note * This request is for a grant to cover the cost of rental for Council owned premises and, as such, is a non-cash grant awarded via an internal transfer in the Council's financial systems.

1. NEW STAPLEFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The New Stapleford Community Association (NCSA) is responsible for the management and operation of the Council owned Community Centre on Washington Drive in Stapleford that was first opened in 1972.

The aim of NCSA is to provide a community meeting place for Stapleford and the surrounding area. A variety of groups utilise the facilities for educational, recreational and sporting activities, including dance and fitness classes, community sessions, short mat bowling and martial arts clubs. Around 50-60 people use the facilities every week, the majority of whom live in the borough.

Financial Information

For the year ended 31 December 2025, NCSA generated income of £14,196 (2024: £17,013) from hall bookings, dances, grants and fund raising. Total expenditure amounted to £16,319 (2024: £17,914) which included rent, utilities, repairs and maintenance, dance and social activities and other running costs. Total bank balances as at 31 December 2025 were £17,877 (2024: £20,001). NCSA has earmarked part of these reserves towards repairs.

Grant Request

For 2026/27, New Stapleford Community Association has requested a grant of £4,000 to cover the market rent. 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 supported New Stapleford Community Association for many years with grant aid towards its premises rental. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

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| 2025/26 | £4,000 |
| 2024/25 | £4,000 |
| 2023/24 | £4,000 |
| 2022/23 | £4,000 |

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

- The services provided by New Stapleford Community Association benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of New Stapleford 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.
- Community Associations such as New Stapleford Community Association are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for Grant Aid.

2. 5TH STAPLEFORD SCOUT GROUP

5th Stapleford Scout Group was established in 1964 and is based at the new Community Pavilion at Hickings Lane in Stapleford. The Group currently has around 120 members of all ages, 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.

Financial Information

For the period ended 31 August 2025, income of £41,167 (2024: £10,017) was generated from membership fees, grants, donations and fundraising and other events and activities. Expenditure amounted to £38,610 (2024: £10,311) and included membership costs, equipment, badges, maintenance, insurance and the cost of activities and events. Cash and bank balances as at 31 August 2025 were £16,491 (2024: £13,935).

It should be noted that the income and expenditure figures may appear higher than usual due to the effect of the group changing its financial year end to 31 August, giving rise to an eighteen month period in 2025. Membership fees and associated costs ('capitation') have also significantly increased. The group indicated its current reserves to be £15,141.

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:

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| 2025/26 | £5,750 |
| 2024/25 | £4,500 |
| 2023/24 | £4,500 |
| 2022/23 | £4,500 |

For 2026/27, the 5th Stapleford Scout Group has requested a grant of £7,000 to cover the market rental of the accommodation at the new pavilion at Hickings Lane, Stapleford. As the rental income is due to Liberty Leisure Limited, rather than the Council, unlike other rent awards, 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.

3. THE PYTHIAN CLUB

The Pythian Club is a Community Interest Company, incorporated in June 2014, based in Basford, Nottingham. The Pythian Club states that it provides a range of benefits through its community-focused activities. These include:

- Community Outreach programmes that build positive relationships and create safe spaces for residents to engage.
- Connecting with local businesses to strengthen community partnerships, share information, and encourage investment back into the area.
- Connecting with local residents, listening to their concerns and ensuring their voices are heard.
- Identifying hotspots for anti-social behaviour, which helps The Pythian Club work with partners to reduce issues and make neighbourhoods safer.
- Finding out the interests and hobbies of young people, so The Pythian Club can offer meaningful activities that keep them engaged, supported, and on positive pathways.

Through this combined approach, The Pythian Club believes that it not only addresses immediate community challenges but also builds long-term benefits by creating stronger connections, safer spaces and more opportunities.

Financial Information

For the year ended 30 June 2025, The Pythian Club generated income of £134,704 (2024: £235,990) from sales, grants and donations. Total expenditure amounted to £213,011 (2024: £175,052) which included primarily staff and contractor costs (£183,727) and miscellaneous office expenditure. Closing reserves as at 30 June 2025 were £18,379 (2024: £93,280) including £12,709 in cash.

As at the time of the application, The Pythian Club has stated that it holds approximately £17,000 in cash and bank balances with a further £50,000 in investments.

Grant Request

For 2026/27, The Pythian Club has requested a grant of £1,500 to cover the costs associated with the provision of a 10-week community outreach programme in and around Kimberley.

The Pythian Club states that its programme goes beyond typical community activities by specifically addressing the needs of disadvantaged sections of the Broxtowe community. The programme is expected to engage with approximately 20 residents and 20 young people per session, many of whom are from vulnerable or underserved backgrounds.

The programme will focus on identifying hotspots for anti-social behaviour and addressing the safety concerns of residents, which disproportionately affect disadvantaged groups. Additionally, the programme will actively listen to the interests and aspirations of young people, many of whom have limited access to positive recreational or developmental activities, ensuring that sessions are both inclusive and responsive to their needs.

The Pythian Club states that by fostering strong connections with residents, providing targeted support, and creating meaningful opportunities for engagement, it directly supports disadvantaged individuals and families, helping to improve wellbeing, reduce social isolation, and enhance community cohesion.

This is the first application for grant aid that has been received from The Pythian Club in recent years. Such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- The services provided by The Pythian Club benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of The Pythian Club target the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of the community, in particular helping to combat anti-social behaviour and related social exclusion within the Borough.

4. MISHMASH PRODUCTIONS

MishMash Productions, established in 2018 and registered as a charity in January 2025, aims to make high-quality live classical music accessible, welcoming, and relevant to everyone, actively challenging the perception that classical music is “not for us” by presenting it in inclusive, informal settings rooted in the community.

MishMash delivers on this locally through free, professional live music performances, known as Pop-Up Proms, bringing outstanding classical musicians directly into everyday community spaces across Broxtowe, enabling people to experience high quality music at no cost. Performances are designed to reach diverse audiences, including families, older people, individuals living with dementia, and those who may not otherwise engage with live classical music.

Financial Information

For the year ended 31 March 2025, MishMash generated income of £295,683 (2024: £263,019) from grants and sales of services. Total expenditure amounted to £308,276 (2024: £256,871) which included primarily the costs of events, salaries, wages, donations and advertising. Reserves as at 31 March 2025 were £7,324 (2024: £19,881) including.

As at the time of the application, MishMash states that it holds approximately £21,000 in reserves.

Grant Request

For 2026/27, MishMash Productions has requested a grant of £3,500 to deliver 18 ‘Pop-Up Prom’ performances. These 45-minute concerts will run from July to December, with three held each month in community spaces across Broxtowe.

The performances will be free to attend and are expected to have a positive impact on wellbeing, helping to reduce loneliness, support mental health, and encourage social connection. They will be promoted in partnership with host venues and community organisations, using trusted local networks to reach audiences effectively.

The Council has previously supported MishMash Productions with a grant of £3,900 in 2023/24 to deliver a similar programme.

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

- The services provided by MishMash Productions benefit Broxtowe residents, enhancing their quality of life and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of MishMash Productions helps to combat loneliness and social exclusion within the Borough.

5. FRIENDS OF BENNERLEY VIADUCT

The Friends of Bennerley Viaduct ('the Friends') is a registered charity, established in 2019, which has the following primary activities:

- The restoration, preservation and maintenance of the Bennerley Viaduct, a grade 2* listed historic construction.
- The improvement and management of the associated land and natural habitats underneath and adjacent to the viaduct.
- The creation, improvement and maintenance of access for all to the viaduct and the associated land, including a deck along the length of the viaduct, access ramps at both ends, a visitor centre and car park.

Financial Information

For the year ended 31 March 2025, the Friends of Bennerley Viaduct generated unrestricted income of £23,841 (2024: £21,346) from donations, management fees and trading income. Total unrestricted expenditure amounted to £36,882 (2024: £20,030) which included staff costs (£20,427) and other miscellaneous operating expenditure. Unrestricted reserves as at 31 March 2025 were £43,407 (2024: £49,280).

Restricted reserves as at 31 March 2025 were £798,790 (2024: £150,817). These relate to specific projects which the Friends are undertaking and are not available for general operations. This includes £636,242 of funding provided by this Council through the (then) Levelling Up Fund.

As at the time of the application, the Friends of Bennerley Viaduct states that it holds approximately £23,000 in unrestricted reserves.

Grant Request

For 2026/27, the Friends of Bennerley Viaduct has requested a grant of £3,000 as a contribution towards the cost of updating, printing and sale of the 'Bennerley Viaduct Book' and other materials. In support of this, the Friends note that the first edition of the book (published in 2023) was sold out and, based on the anticipated cost and selling price of this second edition, should generate income for the charity of up to £3,000.

In addition, the Friends believes that the book will be an important marketing tool for the viaduct, increasing understanding of the site and driving visitor numbers through new and repeat visits.

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

- The services provided by the Friends of Bennerley Viaduct benefit Broxtowe residents, enhancing their quality of life and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.

- The activities of the Friends of Bennerley Viaduct helps to combat loneliness and social exclusion within the Borough.
- The promotion of the Bennerley Viaduct site should increase visitor numbers and overall economic activity both at the site itself and in surrounding areas.