

Appendix

Application

The following grant application has been received for consideration:

		<u>Previous Grant Award</u> £	<u>Current Grant Request</u> £
The Pythian Club	1	-	1,500
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1. 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.