

REPORT PC26.127 Grant Applications September

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1. REPORT SUMMARY

A report to Councillors regarding grant applications received in September 2026.

2. BACKGROUND

The Parish Councils grant policy invites applications from charities, clubs and community groups to benefit the residents of the parish.

3. SUMMARY

One deferred application from September's meeting, attached Annex One Hope Church for Tots Together Parent and Toddler Group, and one new application, attached Annex Two Salisbury Methodist Circuit. Both were circulated to Councillors at the start of October to consider if further information was required.

No further information was requested.

Councillors should note that there remains £8,065.07 in the Grants budget for this year prior to either of these grant awards.

4. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council considers a grant of £800 to Hope Church for Tots Together Parent and Toddler Group to go towards venue hire at Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre under the power provided by s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

That the Council considers a grant of £1,056 to Salisbury Methodist Circuit for its Café on the Green project to go towards venue hire at Hampton Park Pavilion under the power provided by s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.



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Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations Local Government Act 1972, Section 137

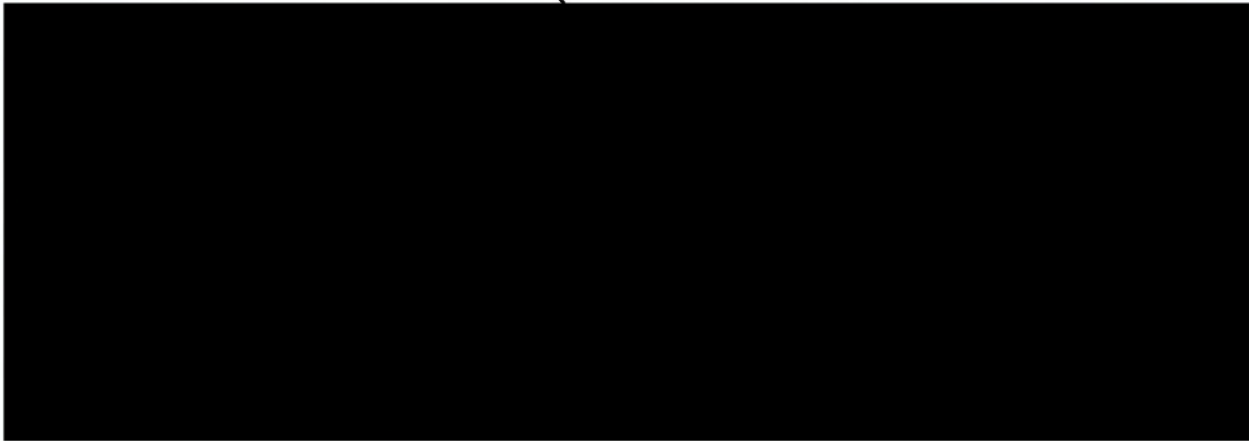
Please be advised that all applicants are invited to attend and address the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council Meeting deciding your application. Although this is not compulsory it is seen to be beneficial especially for grant applications over £500.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Council if you need help completing this application communications@laverstock-ford.co.uk

1	Name of Organisation and date (the name of your club, charity etc. plus date of application)
	Hope Church for TOTS TOGETHER parent and toddler group. 22nd July 2026
2	Amount of Grant aid being requested (how much money are you asking for?)
	£800.
3	Tell us about the project or activity you are applying for financial support for (this space is for a summary, you can also include further detail and supporting documents with this application).
	We began a TODDLER GROUP back in February 2026 - a space for parents/carers to bring under 5's of a Tuesday afternoon. We use the main hall, kitchen and outside space to enable play. We offer listening ears and support to those who come, as well as home-made cake and liquid refreshments. The group is open to everyone with under 5's
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4	Please explain how your project or activity supports the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's Parish Plan (available to view at www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk)
	We probably 'fit' under PUBLIC AMENITY. We are seeking to provide quality space for parents, carers and their young children. It is indoor and offers particular refuge in bad weather when accessing other activities is harder. (This stage of life can be isolating and depression can hit).
5	Please tell us how your project or activity meets the criteria set out in the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's grant policy (available to view at www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk)
	Although our group is run by a church, it is for ~~a~~ <u>everyone</u>. The money will go towards hiring the centre, therefore helping us to continue. (Previously the Centre graciously gave us 6 months initially F.O.C.) We have no other grants for this venture. We have regularly (weekly) had 6 adults attend with their young.

5	Approximately how many people who will benefit from your project or activity are residents of Laverstock and Ford Parish?
	Potentially any parent / child minder ^{+ children} & free Tuesday afternoons in term-time
7	What will be the TOTAL cost of your project/activity (not just the money you are applying for in this application but the overall cost of the project)
	£1156.25 for year (see below).
8	Have you applied for grant/s for this project or activity from any other source? (Please give details and tell us the dates of when these monies will be awarded)
	No.
9	If the TOTAL cost of your project/activity is more than the grant being applied for how will you fund the remaining costs?
	For full year (Sept → July) term-time I estimate a total cost of £1156.25.
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10	Name and Address of your Organisation/Charity/Club etc. (as detailed on the bank account that any funds awarded will be paid to. Please include your Charity Registration number if you are applying as a Charity)
	c/o St Francis PCC Charity no. 1330133
11	Name and contact details of primary contact (the person who has responsibility for making this application within your group/organisation)
	Phone/Mobile, email and address 
12	What is your role within the organisation? (group/club/charity etc.)
	Priest, church leader. Member of staff team at St Francis Church, Salisbury
13	Does your Organisation/Charity/Club etc. have a bank account?
	Yes.
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1	Name of Organisation and date (the name of your club, charity etc. plus date of application)
	Salisbury Methodist Circuit - 29/9/26
2	Amount of Grant aid being requested (how much money are you asking for?)
	£1056. This is the annual cost of our resnt at Hampton Park Pavillion, Bishopdown Farm £88 a week for 12 weeks
3	Tell us about the project or activity you are applying for financial support for (this space is for a summary, you can also include further detail and supporting documents with this application).
	Cafe on the Green is Pop-Up Cafe on Bishopdown Farm which operates on a Thursday Morning from 9-12noon. It serves the community by providing an indoor space throughout the year where local residence can come to find welcome and a listening ear, where individuals can come by themselves or meeting friends. Its a prefect place to receive company and socialise. All ages are welcome and their is a play space for children with a range of toys. Our prices are very low and reasonable and we have to policy that if people can't afford it, they can have it on us! The money we ask for cafe items helps to cover the costs of the food/drinks, 2 staff are paid for by Salisbury Methodist Circuit however we are asking for help to cover the rent of the hall for this community project We are currently reaching around 12-14 adults weekly and a similar amount of children from 0-4 years. Our customers provide positive feedback e.g Nice and friendly place where kids can develop, social skills. They are happy in a safe atmosphere - Amazing Job! e.g This is the first time this week I have been able to sit, have space and look after me! We provide a listening ear to life's frustrations and worry and signpost people to further support as necessary.
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4	Please explain how your project or activity supports the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's Parish Plan (available to view at www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk)
	The project contributes to the aims of the Laverstock and Ford Parish Plan by helping to strengthen community life and reduce social isolation by providing a regular local meeting place, encouraging social connection, supporting families, promoting wellbeing and helping residents feel valued, welcomed and connected to their community. Our low prices and policy not to exclude anyone who can't afford it ensures that our project is genuinely accessible to the whole community.
5	Please tell us how your project or activity meets the criteria set out in the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's grant policy (available to view at www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk)
	Our projects falls under Eligability Catagory A Salisbury Methodist Circuit is a Registered Charity and our project Cafe on the Green benefits mainly residents of the Parish of Laverstock & Ford.
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5	Approximately how many people who will benefit from your project or activity are residents of Laverstock and Ford Parish?
	Last year we met with different 39 households and i believe the majority/if not all of these are residents of Laverstock and Ford Parish
7	What will be the TOTAL cost of your project/activity (not just the money you are applying for in this application but the overall cost of the project)
	Our annual costs are around £13,020 Staffing - £10,000. Hall hire - £1056 Food&Drink £1500
8	Have you applied for grant/s for this project or activity from any other source? (Please give details and tell us the dates of when these monies will be awarded)
	We have not applied for any other grants
9	If the TOTAL cost of your project/activity is more than the grant being applied for how will you fund the remaining costs?
	As mentioned above the food cost are covered in our pricing and any remainder goes staffing cost which are paid for by Salisbury Methodist Circuit.
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10	Name and Address of your Organisation/Charity/Club etc. (as detailed on the bank account that any funds awarded will be paid to. Please include your Charity Registration number if you are applying as a Charity)
	Salisbury Methodist Circuit Registered charity no. 1134362
11	Name and contact details of primary contact (the person who has responsibility for making this application within your group/organisation)
	<i>Phone/Mobile, email and address</i>
12	What is your role within the organisation? (group/club/charity etc.)
	Outreach Worker - Cafe Lead
13	Does your Organisation/Charity/Club etc. have a bank account?
	Yes
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