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Grants & Funding



Stowmarket Town Council

Stowmarket Town Council places a high value on improving the town by working in partnership with local groups and organisations. We appreciate that one off grants and other forms of financial support are important to local organisations in helping them to meet the costs of developing the amenities and improving the services that they provide to local people.

A wide range of groups, clubs and societies have benefited from the financial support provided by Stowmarket Town Council in recent years.

Four ways in which we offer funding

Stowmarket Town Council offers the following funding schemes:

The Annual Grants Scheme which supports groups and organisations that provide activities for specific groups of people.

StowFund which supports volunteer-led projects and initiatives that benefit our community and/or improve the environment of Stowmarket.

The Environment Fund which supports one or more key environmental projects in the town which are identified in consultation with local stakeholders.

The Enterprise Fund which supports the local economy by assisting the town centre and local businesses.



Supporting our partners

We also work with partner organisations in the town including:

Mid Suffolk Citizen's Advice by providing an annual grant to help with their rental costs;

The Museum of East Anglian Life by providing capital grants to help improve their buildings;

The Redwoods Lunch Club by providing funding towards annual running costs of the lunch club; and

The Royal British Legion by contributing towards the funding of civic and ceremonial events such as the Festival of Remembrance.

How to apply

The Annual Grants Scheme

We welcome applications from charities, not for profit organisations, social enterprises, voluntary and community groups for grants of up to £500.

The Grants Scheme was set up to support groups and organisations that benefit specific groups of people within the town. The Grants Panel meets once a year, in the autumn, to make recommendations to the Full Council regarding grant applications. Application forms and guidance notes are published at the beginning of July on the Town Council's website www.stowmarket.org

StowFund

StowFund provides a flexible option to support volunteer-led projects and initiatives that benefit the community and/or improve the environment of Stowmarket. The scheme runs throughout the year and provides funding up to £1,000, although this may be increased under certain circumstances. For information and an application form please visit www.stowmarket.org

The Environment Fund

Each year, Stowmarket Town Council identifies an environmental project in the town which it wishes to support and provides up to £500 towards the costs of delivering it. Proposals may be submitted at any time during the year and are normally determined by the Town Clerk, in consultation with Town Councillors. For information please contact the Operations and Estates Manger, Michael Marriott (michaeljm@stowmarket.org).

The Enterprise Fund

The Enterprise Fund is used by the Town Council to support commercial activities in the town. Proposals will normally be submitted to the Town Council's Place Shaping Board or Business Improvement Committee. The Town Council is not able to support individual businesses through the fund, but will consider proposals received during the course of the year that support, in some way, local businesses and commerce.

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