

Badgeworth Parish Council

POLICY FOR AWARDING DONATIONS

Badgeworth Parish Council is funded by the residents of the parish and therefore has only limited funds available to assist community organisations working for the benefit of Badgeworth residents.

Subject to funding being available, the Parish Council is committed to providing assistance through small grants and support to local community groups which are set up to promote community life for the residents.

Badgeworth Parish Council is committed to following best practice in grant giving in order to support voluntary and community groups, whilst providing value for money for local taxpayers and ensuring that public money is spent in a responsible manner.

The Parish Council's Policy on Community Grants is based on the principle of promoting the development of partnerships which encourage and enable local community organisations to deliver local projects to the residents of the parish. In general, the following principles apply:

- Assistance will be given on the basis of need, merit and contribution to the local community
- Applicants must clearly show how any assistance given will benefit the people living in Badgeworth parish or will benefit the environment of Badgeworth Parish

The Aims of the Council's Grant Making Policy

Badgeworth Parish Council provides grant funding to support the following aims:

- To enable local people to participate in voluntary groups and activities.
- To help the parish's voluntary groups to improve their effectiveness.
- To ensure the provision of services, needed by residents, via the voluntary sector.
- To improve or enhance the local environment
- To achieve value for money

The Parish Council defines a voluntary group as a non-profit making organisation, set up and run by a voluntary, unpaid management committee.

The Application Process

To apply for a Council grant you must be a charity, community group or local voluntary organisation with a constitution and dedicated bank account, operating or providing a service to the residents of Badgeworth parish.

The amount of money available for small grants varies each year, depending on the overall council budget.

Groups must apply **in writing** giving information on their organisation, how it serves residents of Badgeworth Parish and what the grant is for.

The awarding of grants

Decisions are made at the first council meeting after receipt of the grant form and payments are made in the form of a bank transfer to the named organisation, not to private individuals. Small grants are awarded on an annual basis and an award made in one year is not an indication that funding will be continued in other years.

- Applications for grants where the project has already been completed will not be considered.
- The financial support of Badgeworth Parish Council must be acknowledged on documentation and promotional material.
- If the project does not go ahead, the money paid by Badgeworth Parish Council must be refunded.