

Community fund application – community assessment

June 2019

Grant requested:



Cottsway
Community Fund

Name of applicant	Woodstock Youth Centre
Web site address	http://www.woodstockyouthclub.info/

Name of your project	Art, craft and cooking
Why are you applying for the grant? (in no more than 50 words)	We have a new building but don't have much equipment for the craft and cooking activities.
How much will your total project cost?	£2,400
How much have you raised so far?	£600 (from our local Cllr priority fund)
How much are you applying for from Cottsway?	£1,200
Have you received a grant from the Cottsway in the past?	Yes, we did receive help in 2017 and 2016 and we are very grateful as it helped us to promote our wish to build a new youth club and we did! The help was for similar activities and help with operating the local lottery and its publicity. It aimed to raise money for a new youth centre building. We received from Cottsway a donation of £1,000 and we managed to reach our targets and built our new building due to our active publicity paid with thanks by Cottsway.

Please indicate the funding aims your project will meet:

Yes	Services and activities for young people and/or older people.
Yes	Services and activities that address rural issues and tackle rural exclusion and social isolation.
Yes	Services and activities that will benefit the environment.
	Services and activities that help prevent debt, provide financial advice and reduce poverty.
	Services and activities that contribute towards getting people online and reduce digital exclusion.
Yes	Services and activities that contribute to an inclusive and active community.

Please tell us how your project meets the funding aims

We have a new building now and in order to start operating we need to ensure we have enough equipment.

Compared to the amenities available for adults in Woodstock, the Town's young people have very few structured opportunities for leisure and out-of-school enrichment. Our project seeks to provide young people with sport, cooking and art activities. The club's youth members are from Woodstock and surrounding villages, some with disabilities and some with learning difficulties, and enjoy coming together at our old yet serviceable recreational and chill-out facility.

This is the main young people's facility available to local young children. The art, cooking and sport activities address rural issues and tackle rural exclusion and social isolation. It serves many Cottsway residents and their young children.

The activities are affordable (just £1 per session per member). The art and craft activities will include working with lots of natural and environmentally friendly materials which will benefit the environment; for example, reclaiming of discarded plastic bottles, newspapers, woods and leaves.

Our sport, craft and cooking activities will contribute to an inclusive and active community, for example, by using local volunteers keen to teach the younger generation about the tastes of basic traditional foods to develop their cooking and imaginative skills.

What activities will the project offer?

The activities will be divided into 3 categories: Sport, Cooking and Art & Craft, offering a variety of activities to young children with different interest.

Due to cold weather in winter, our large indoor space offers young people the opportunity to enjoy sport activities such as football, table tennis, scooters, net ball and roller blades etc. In the past few years we have seen an increase in attendance of girls at the club and they expressed their wish to have more art and cooking activities.

We may also consider hiring a trainer and running a basketry workshop to teach the children the use of natural materials, creating and developing the skill of basket making. Another consideration includes running another pottery workshop that last year was very successful and was attended by many young children. Sugar Craft classes and Greeting Cards making has proven to be a great success too, for both boys and girls with the help from professional volunteers.

How has the community and/or Cottsway residents been consulted in this proposal?

We encourage all young people to attend. Many young people and their parents are tenants of Cottsway Housing Association. Cottsway parents and children are taking part and are direct beneficiaries of the activities offered by the Youth Club.

How will you ensure promotion to Cottsway residents?

All leaflets for funded activities will include the Cottsway logo and information can be published on our website and Facebook page. We will provide a certificate with of thanks from the Youth Club to Cottsway. We also frequently promote our activities in a local publication called the Woodstock & Bladon News, which can be seen in Woodstock's public library.