

Barrow upon Soar Parish Council's Annual Community Grants 2025 Guidance

The Parish Council's Annual Community Grants 2025 are open to voluntary and community groups in the parish of Barrow upon Soar.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

To be eligible for the community grant an organisation must:

1. be established for charitable, benevolent, social, cultural, recreational or philanthropic purposes
2. have a constitution, or set of rules, which define its aims, objectives and operational procedures
3. have its own bank account

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

1. the project should be something which makes the local community a better place in which to live, work or visit
2. it should benefit people who live in the parish
3. there must be clear evidence that local people support the project and/or are involved in carrying it out

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ELIGIBLE

1. Individuals or projects which improve or benefit privately owned land or property
2. Organisations which support or oppose any political party
3. Organisations that discriminate on the grounds of sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion and belief, age.
4. Organisations or establishments for whom Central Government, Health Authorities, County or District Councils are the appropriate statutory funder.
5. Projects which have already been completed or will have been completed by the time the grant is made.

CONDITIONS OF SUPPORT

The Parish Council may make the award of any grant subject to all or some of the following conditions.

1. As a minimum, you will write to confirm receipt of the funding for audit purposes.
2. Funding must only be used for the purpose applied for and agreed with the Parish Council. If the monies are not spent on the items agreed, they must be returned.
3. Funding must be spent within the financial year awarded and cannot be added wholly or partly to your reserves.
4. If your project costs are more than you anticipated on your application, any shortfall must be met by you.
5. The Parish Council would ask that you acknowledge its support in your publications, publicity and annual reports.
6. A representative of the community group must attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 29th April at 6pm.

7. This award would not affect your eligibility to apply for a S137 grant in the 2025-26 financial year.

WHEN TO APPLY

The deadline to submit applications is Friday 25th April.

HOW WILL DECISIONS BE MADE?

Following receipt and consideration of the completed application forms a maximum of 10 Groups will be invited to present their application to the Annual Parish Meeting on 29th April 2025 at 6pm in the Methodist Church. Groups will be provided with a table to promote their group/application to residents between 6 and 6:30pm. The meeting will start at 6:30pm, each group will be allocated 3 minutes to present their application to the meeting. Once all presentations have been received, residents in attendance will vote for their 4 favourite applications. Voting slips will be then collected and counted. During the count the Chair of the Parish Council will present the Annual Report.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available from the Parish Council office or to download from our website or you can apply to the Clerk for an application form by writing to clerk@barrowpc.org.uk or calling 01509 416016.