



## Grant Report 2021/22

<b>Name of Organisation</b>
Alresford Pigs Association
<b>Date and Amount received</b>
26/10/2021 - £400
<b>What the funds were spent on</b>
<p>The funds were used to pay a subcontractor to install the five light strings used on the main Broad Street Christmas Tree.</p> <p>This involves the use of an access platform and two qualified personnel – Total cost £220</p> <p>The balance was used to pay for the attendance of ST Johns Ambulance Services at the Arrival of Father Christmas event held in Broad Street.</p>
<b>Benefit to your organisation</b>
<p>We are an organisation totally funded by donations and sponsorship, we are a non-profit making organisation that seeks to cover only the cost of the main tree and the Arrival of Father Christmas. No charge is made for people who attend the event in December</p>
<b>Benefit to the community</b>
<p>Arrival of Father Christmas completely free to all residents including a free present for all children under seven.</p> <p>Festive atmosphere in Broad Street that creates an atmosphere that is beneficial to local businesses and residents.</p>



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<b>Name of Organisation</b>
Play Learning Life CIC
<b>Date and Amount received</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 - £900.00
<b>What the funds were spent on</b>
<p>Preparation and delivery of three full day and one-half day PlayDays in Alresford parks and green spaces (Sun Hill Rec, Arlebury Park, Stratton Bates, Benenden Green).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promotion via social media</li><li>• Collection of donated play resources</li><li>• Purchase of 'consumable' play resources e.g. bubbles, markers, string</li><li>• Set up and facilitation of the days, including two staff</li><li>• Clearing up</li></ul>
<b>Benefit to your organisation</b>
<p>The grant from NATC enabled Play Learning Life CIC to provide free-to-access PlayDays in the main recreation areas of Alresford over the school summer holidays. The objective was to demonstrate to families that physically active and physically challenging play can be supported with simple, cheap and free resources, and that the play areas of Alresford can offer much more exhilarating play than is offered by standard 'KFC' equipment (kit, fence, carpet).</p> <p>We hope that by interacting with families in Alresford, we have also promoted the holiday playscheme we run at Sun Hill Infant School, which is a high profile element of our social enterprise's offer.</p>
<b>Benefit to the community</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opportunities for physically active, physically challenging, risk embracing, collaborative play for children of all ages.</li><li>• Introducing parents and carers to the concept of 'interacting not interfering' in children's play – in other words allowing children to explore and do things themselves and encouraging them to enable this type of child-led independent play in other contexts.</li><li>• Demonstrating the additional play value that can be extracted from the Alresford play areas and greenspaces with just a few additional, low-cost resources.</li><li>• Making connections with local businesses, many of whom donated the resources we used on the PlayDays</li><li>• Most of the children and families came from New Alresford and the villages and settlements surrounding it – we did not collect data (far too busy playing) but chatting to families it was clear that only one or two had come from further afield, and these were mainly because a parent worked in Alresford and had heard about the PlayDays, or were visiting family in the town.</li><li>• Some families that attended came to all four sessions and several families had not used some of the parks before – in particular, several parents were new to Sun Hill Rec.</li></ul>



## Grant Report 2021/22

<b>Name of Organisation</b>
St. John the Baptist Church, New Alresford
<b>Date and Amount received</b>
May 11 2021, £1000
<b>What the funds were spent on</b>
<p>The existing capacity of the burial area is estimated to run out in five to eight years. Accordingly, we are having to continue to create additional capacity by removing older gravestones (older than 100 years) to the side walls of the ground. This is specialized work, and has to be paid for in order for the burial ground to remain as a facility for the town.</p> <p>Apart from the existing NATC Grant, all of the expense is borne by voluntary contributions from the congregation of St.John's, for the benefit of the wider Alresford community, including the other churches in the town.</p> <p>The garden machinery, skip hire and equipment used, the considerable maintenance costs of this, together with relevant environmental disposal costs, are also provided by St. John's.</p>
<b>Benefit to your organisation</b>
The extensive area of the churchyard has proved burdensome for the handful of volunteers who work on the churchyard. We are having to look to other means to maintain its good appearance, which now include payments to contractors for tree, area and gravestone work.
<b>Benefit to the community</b>
St.John's provides the <b>whole population</b> of New Alresford with a vital community facility, which has been recognised by NATC's grant of up to £3,000 p.a. to 2020 for which the church remains extremely grateful. The church provides this facility for the wider community, from its congregational resources. The whole ground is a valuable and much-used area of green space for the whole Alresford community e.g. for the Watercress Festival, Apple Day and other activities and events.



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<b>Name of Organisation</b>			
New Leaf Alresford			
<b>Date and Amount received</b>			
£560.71 in May 2021			
<b>What the funds were spent on</b>			
Summary of Expenditure to date:			
Description	Cost	Quantity	Total
1. Draper 13407 Carbon Steel Edger with Ash Handle	£9.09	3	£27.27
2. Draper 99015 Heritage Stainless Steel Garden Rake with Ash Handle	£16.68	3	£50.04
3. Draper 83735 Lawn Rake with Ash Handle	£18.17	2	£36.34
4. Kent & Stowe small bulb planters Inc shipping of £4.99	£9.99	2	£24.97
5. 50 lobularis narcissus wild Daffodil bulbs	£24.95	2	£49.90
5. 100 English bluebell bulbs	£19.95	1	£19.95
6. 100 single snowdrops	£17.99	2	£35.98
7. New Leaf Alresford Insurance cover		1	£157.00
<b>Benefit to your organisation</b>			
We were now able to support a community wildflower planting and have the tools to support further projects in the future.			
<b>Benefit to the community</b>			
We used the tools to clear and prepare land at Arlebury Park for wildflower planting and for clearing grass cuttings from the wildflower verges within the Alresford pilot scheme when the contractors failed to collect cutting as a result of the 'fuel crisis' in September 2021.			



We provided tools, support and wildflower bulbs for a community wildflower project on the green between Nursery Road and Chestnut Walk. A total of 1440 bulbs were planted in November 2021 including 100 wild daffodils, 100 bluebells, 200 snow drops, 40 fratillaria and 1000 crocus. (The Crocus bulbs were donated by the Rotary.)

These projects provide environmental benefits boosting biodiversity by increasing the number and varieties of wildflowers and supporting pollinators such as bees and butterflies. The increase in wildflowers has been shown to have a positive effect on wellbeing.



## Grant Report 2021/22

<b>Name of Organisation</b>
Victim Support
<b>Date and Amount received</b>
£100
<b>What the funds were spent on</b>
The funds were spent on a variety of security items including decoy CCTV cameras, personal alarms as well as door and window alarms.
<b>Benefit to your organisation</b>
The donation provided gave Victim Support the much needed funds to help victims of all crimes feel safer within their homes and also within the community.
<b>Benefit to the community</b>
Victim Support is funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to deliver support to victims of crime. This includes domestic abuse, sexual abuse, antisocial behaviour, burglary etc. Victims of these crimes often feel unsafe within their homes and communities and alongside developing their coping strategies and building their support networks, practical items such as personal alarms can really make the difference to a person being able to continue with their lives following a traumatic incident.



## Grant Report 2021/22

<b>Name of Organisation</b>
Friends of St John's, New Alresford
<b>Date and Amount received</b>
January 2022 - £1000
<b>What the funds were spent on</b>
<p>At this stage, the work has not commenced. Scaffolding is required, of course, and the following for the actual restoration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rub down and undercoat paint the clock hands</li><li>• Size and gild the clock hands using 23½ Carat English Gold Leaf</li><li>• Dismantle, clean and lubricate the dial works</li><li>• Fabricate new stainless-steel fixings for the clock dial</li><li>• Make the vinyl template for the dial, and print</li><li>• Supply our 23½ Carat English Gold Leaf, undercoat protective paint and gloss paint.</li></ul> <p>The Church is currently working with the clock specialists, Smiths of Derby, and local scaffolders to confirm timing and costs. The initial thinking is that work may not start until May/June because it is weather dependent (especially the gold leaf used on the dial) to avoid spoiling the finished job but will ensure that the clock will grace the town for many years to come.</p>
<b>Benefit to your organisation</b>
<p>The Friends of St John's was established in late 2019 to fundraise for the improvement and ongoing maintenance of the fabric of the church, the John Pearson Hall and churchyard as valuable community assets. Over £8000 has been raised through the Alresford Community Cinema, which is hoped will start up again (post-Covid) in April 2022.</p> <p>These funds, though, are insufficient to cover costs of the works whilst also meeting operational costs for the cinema, many of which have to be paid in advance before any income is received. Operational costs include annual public liability and screen insurance, Community Centre hire, temporary licenses, film rental, etc.</p>
<b>Benefit to the community</b>
<p>Although sited on the church tower, this is properly called the Town Clock, an important part of our heritage that was funded by public subscription in 1811. At the time, watches were unusual (and inaccurate) but a quality town clock helped to ensure efficient working and the status of New Alresford as a significant market town.</p> <p>The Friends is not part of St John's religious mission but the church is Grade II* and an attraction for the town's many visitors and thereby continues to help sustain the local economy and an important community asset that marks important stages in people's lives.</p>



## Grant Report 2021/22

<b>Name of Organisation</b>
Citizens Advice Winchester District
<b>Date and Amount received</b>
£1000 received November 2021
<b>What the funds were spent on</b>
<p>Money from New Alresford Town Council is being used to help us develop our outreach within the New Alresford community. We want to move away from a weekly drop-in service at Alresford GP, to a mix of services within the area that will help us reach the most vulnerable and disadvantaged. So far we have trained people from Alresford Pigs and The Giles Group as Advice First Aiders, giving them the training they need to identify when one of their clients could benefit from our support and expertise. We have trained them to navigate and use our public website and also to use a referral system to request direct contact from our advice team where additional support is needed. We have also offered this training to staff at the community centre, library and youth association. We also plan to trial some outreach sessions in the town with the first scheduled for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April (10am-12pm) in the Community Centre which will coincide with the country market. We hope this will be the first of two or three other outreach sessions that we run in New Alresford throughout the year. We have also started to work with food banks across the District and will explore the options for partnering with the food bank hub in New Alresford via the Winchester Basic Bank</p>
<b>Benefit to your organisation</b>
<p>As a small, local charity we are completely reliant on local funding and fundraising to keep our service running, so the money provided from New Alresford Town Council is incredibly important to us. Post-covid we want to provide a much more integrated advice service in all areas of Winchester District and trialling new ways of working in some of the bigger parishes will really help us to do this and provide the best service we can for everyone who needs us.</p> <p>There have been many demands on our service over the past couple of years as a result of the pandemic, from reorganising our staff and volunteers to deliver advice remotely, to coping with the increased demand for advice during the height of the pandemic and now, an increase in the complexity of issues that people need our help with. Having reliable and regular sources of funding helps us to cope with these pressures and enable us to keep supporting people in their time of need.</p>
<b>Benefit to the community</b>
<p>Our advice helps keep a roof over people's heads, put food on the table, heat homes, understand rights, manage debts and get welfare support to those who need it most. A local, free, high-quality advice service is crucial to anyone encountering challenges in their lives, but it is often the most disadvantaged in our community who benefit most. Around one-third of our clients have a disability or long-term health condition, and many are socially or financially disadvantaged. We already regularly support people living in New Alresford with advice, by phone and email, but we want to make sure our service is as accessible as possible to everyone in the community and reach out to those that need us most.</p>