Frodsham Town Council - 28 November 2022

Item 66. (c) 2021 Grants Feedback

Organisation	Project	Amount Awarded	Report
Bee Friends	Costs of recruiting, training, and resourcing volunteers	£1,000	See page Grant Completion Form – Bee Friends Frodsham2
Frodsham Music and Arts Club	Performers and hall hire	£1,000	See page 6
Friends of St Luke's (Frodsham)	Book bench and free-standing books shelves	£1,000	No response
Castle Park Arts Centre	Update existing CCTV system to standard required by insurers	£1,500	See page 7
Martin Maris	Artists' fees and publicity for Chamber Concert series	£1,500	Will report back after the final concert on 4 December.
Main Street Community Church	Portable air-purifying equipment and upgrading of audio equipment	£1,500	See page 9
Frodsham Detachment, Cheshire Army Cadet Force	Furniture to create a social space within the detachment	£1,000	Report not available as grant only recently received.
OPAL Services	Portable air purifier	£450	See page 12
Frodsham Volleyball Club	New kit for the men's/boys and ladies/girls volleyball squads	£500	Supplier delays, so kit not yet received, but expected end November.
Frodsham Players	New lighting control system	£600	See page 13

Grant Completion Form – Bee Friends Frodsham

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Organisation	Bee Friends Frodsham http://www.beefriends.infrodsham.uk/
Contact Name	Prof Elaine Graham
Project Name	n/a
Amount of Grant	£1000.00

Completion statement

Bee Friends Frodsham is a group of local people who are concerned to address the social isolation and loneliness felt by many people living in our community. Our approach is not to establish new organisations but to facilitate connections between local residents and a range of voluntary and statutory agencies dedicated to improving the physical and mental well-being of the people of Frodsham.

In the past year we have been focusing on building awareness of our existence and recruiting and training volunteers. This grant from Frodsham Town Council has enabled us to raise our profile by distributing publicity and information materials about ourselves and to recruit a group of Bee Friends volunteers.

In November 2021 we held an open meeting to re-launch Bee Friends after the Covid-19 pandemic, attended by over 30 people in St Laurence's Parish Hall, many of whom have subsequently completed our volunteer application process.

In February 2022 we were offered space in the 'Cheeky Ice Cream' café Castle Park from which we launched our weekly 'Bee Friends Fridays' drop-in centre. Contacts with local businesses, including several coffee shops and retailers, have also helped to raise awareness of Bee Friends in the wider community.
The grant from FTC was used as follows:

Publicity (Hawk Publications)	
Pop-up banners Publicity flyers Coasters Logo design	£ 394.80 £ 172.80 £ 196.86 £ 150.00
Volunteer recruitment:	
Hire of St Laurence's Church Parish Hall Phone and SIM card	£ 70.00 £ 26.99
Total	**£1011.45**

The attached photographs show the Parish Hall volunteer event, the launch of Bee Friend

Fridays (with Mike Amesbury MP) and the visit of the three Anglican Bishops of Chester, Birkenhead and Stockport to the café, plus pictures of our window stickers in situ in two local cafes and a copy of the design for our publicity coaster. We also attach a copy of our Annual Report for 2021-22.

We are now looking to extend our activities further and from November 2022 we will be launching a weekly 'Warm Welcome' coffee morning in partnership with St Laurence's Church and the national 'Places of Welcome' organisation, staffed by our dedicated volunteers.
October 30th 2022

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Grant Completion Form – Frodsham Music & Arts Club

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Organisation	Frodsham Music and Arts Club
Contact Name	Anthony C Barker
Project Name	Cost buffer for re-commencement of Club activities following shut down due to the pandemic
Amount of Grant	£1000.00

Completion statement

Please give brief detail of the project and explain how the grant has helped you to complete it:

Extract from Grant Application Form – Project Details:

'*This year the necessary upfront financial commitment on performer contracts for a new season of events incurs abnormal risk, due to uncertainty surrounding the usual return of fee paying members in the current pandemic climate*'. *'..... event re-commencement will be challenging without an adequate financial buffer against a potentially reduced income stream.'*

Expenditure incurred / committed on performers during 2022 after award of grant:

Friday 17-06-22	£600
Friday 15-07-22	£500
Friday 23-09-22	£300
Friday 21-10-22	£750
Friday 25-11-22	£350
Friday 16-12-22	£425

These figures are exclusive of other associated costs such as instrument hire and tuning, as well as hall hire fees.

The June and July events were trials to test the level of returning audience. This turned out to be much less than pre-pandemic, but sufficient for the later commitments to be entered into. The grant provided a buffer to the financial loss involved in re-starting events at a time when the level of resumed member support was completely unknown.

The Club trustees are most grateful to the Town Council for their assistance in this regard.

Grant Completion Form – Castle Part Arts Centre

Your organisation has received a grant from Frodsham Town Council. Please can you complete this form once you have completed your project and send it back to the Town Clerk at the above address.

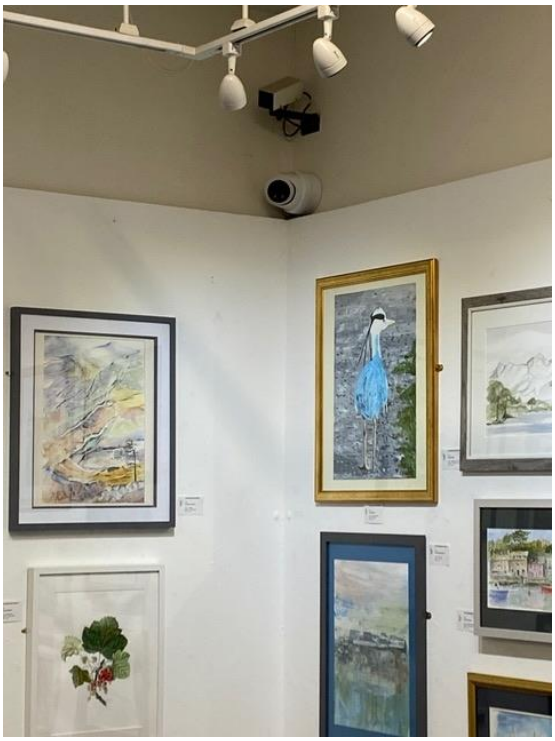
Organisation	Castle Park Arts Centre
Contact Name	Hugh Hoather
Project Name	CCTV upgrade
Amount of Grant	£1,500

Completion statement

Please give brief detail of the project and explain how the grant has helped you to complete it:

Significant improvements to the CCTV network were carried out. Security software was upgraded, and additional cameras were installed to cover the vulnerable areas outside the building, and this has improved protection and confidence to our exhibitors, tenants, and visitors.

The total cost of the upgrade was £3,400 and the grant covered almost half this cost. Without the grant the additional security cameras would not have been fitted and so the grant has made a considerable improvement to the overall security of the building and courtyard. We now have modern equipment which will ensure that intruders are either deterred or their activities recorded and made visible for future inspection by the police.



Grant Completion Form – Main Street Community Church

Your organisation has received a grant from Frodsham Town Council. Please can you complete this form once you have completed your project and send it back to the Town Clerk at the above address.

Organisation	Main Street Community Church
Contact Name	Jeff Wood
Project Name	Air purifying equipment and upgraded audio equipment
Amount of Grant	£1500

Completion statement

Please give brief detail of the project and explain how the grant has helped you to complete it:

To aid in the reopening of face to face activities following the Covid 19 lockdowns a portable air purification unit was purchased with the aid of part this grant funding which is used in the main worship area of the church during Sunday services and is moved to the hall for other activities. This unit provided reassurance to users of the building that it was safe to return whilst social distancing requirements remained in place.

The rest of the funding was used towards the upgrading of the audio equipment in the main worship area, including the purchase of a new sound desk along with new radio microphones. These are used both during Sunday services and by other community groups that use the church building during the week.

Air Purification Unit

New sound desk

New radio microphones

Receiving Units for Radio Microphones

Grant Completion Form – Opal Services

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Organisation	OPAL SERVICES
Contact Name	JANE COLVILLE
Project Name	Keeping vulnerable people safe in communal spaces
Amount of Grant	£450

Completion statement

Please give brief detail of the project and explain how the grant has helped you to complete it:

We asked for funding to allow us to purchase an additional air purifier machine which helps to make the venues we run our clubs and groups in less likely to be where covid and other infections might get passed on to others .We work with a very elderly and vulnerable group of people so it is important we take all the precautions we are able to. The funding allowed us to buy one that is primarily used by the Frodsham Club in the Methodist Church although it has been used at other local OPAL events.

Having a few of these spread across the area we operate in is very convenient for our staff and cuts down on their travel as otherwise it would be necessary to transport them across a very wide area.

Using this technology has given reassurance to those who attend our sessions and has encouraged those that have been the most reluctant to come out of their homes to do so.

We are very appreciative of this funding which allowed us to make this purchase.

Grant Completion Form – Frodsham Players

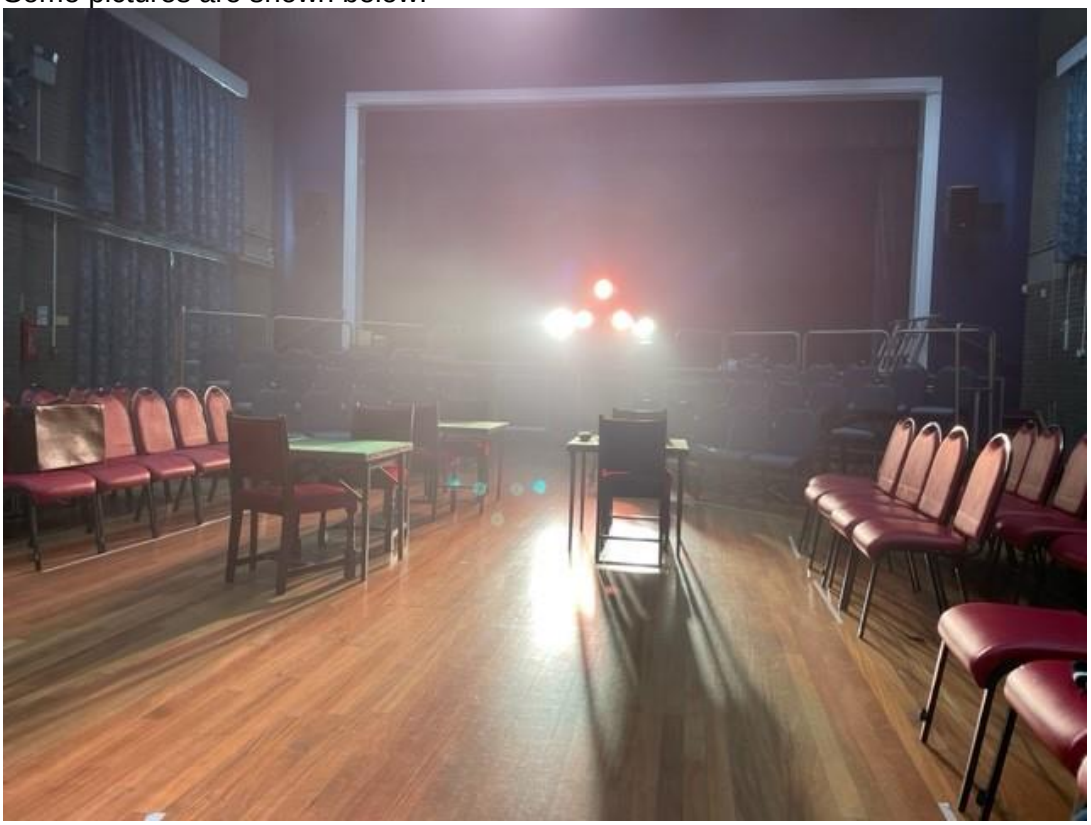
Your organisation has received a grant from Frodsham Town Council. Please can you complete this form once you have completed your project and send it back to the Town Clerk at the above address.

Organisation	Frodsham Players
Contact Name	Ian Lancaster
Project Name	Lighting Control System
Amount of Grant	£600

Completion statement

Please give brief detail of the project and explain how the grant has helped you to complete it:

We purchased the lighting control system in late November and successfully used it in our performance of “The Lady Vanishes” which was performed at Frodsham Community Centre from 1-4 December.

The show was reviewed by representatives of the Cheshire Theatre Guild and the National Operatic and Dramatic Association, both of whom gave praise to the effective use of lighting.

Without this grant, we would not have been able to deliver such a professional show. Some pictures are shown below: