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GRANT AID

Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, East Preston Parish Council has the Power “**to incur expenditure for certain purposes not otherwise authorised.**”

This means local organisations can apply to the Parish Council for funds to support work benefitting East Preston residents. In recent years, organisations that have benefitted in this way include 1st East Preston Scouts, Friends of East Preston Infant School, East Preston Cricket Club, East Preston Football Club, Girlguiding East Preston, St Barnabas Hospice, West Sussex Mediation Service and others. There is strict legislation about who can be awarded funds, and I can supply further information on these guidelines.

In 2008, the Parish Council adopted a policy of advertising for and considering applications twice a year. This was further refined in November 2015 with the decision to consider applications only once a year. This ensures applications are considered in a fairer manner.

To apply in the 2026 round of applications, please contact me at the above address, asking for an application form. You will also be required to provide your organisation's latest set of accounts and numbers of East Preston residents benefitting from your organisation's work. If you need help completing the form, please just ask.

The closing date for the receipt of completed application forms and related documents is **31st March, 2026**. Please note if you have not heard you have been successful by the end of May, you have not been successful on this occasion. The council's decision will be final.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

APPLICATION FOR SECTION 137 GRANT

2026 - Closing date for receipt of applications is midday on 31st March, 2026

Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the council has discretionary powers to award grants to local groups or organisations for “purposes which may bring a direct benefit to the area or any part of it for some or all the inhabitants”. To be considered for a grant, applicants must answer all the following questions and provide the details requested.

Name of Organisation/Group:

Registered charity no. if applicable:

Contact Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Please give a one-line summary of the purpose for which the grant is required:

Please give details of the purpose for which the grant is required. Please define the section of the East Preston community that will benefit from the funding (e.g. youth, elderly). Please also include the number of East Preston residents your organisation has benefitted within the past year, and the anticipated number that will benefit in the coming year.

What is the TOTAL cost of the scheme?

What is the amount of grant requested?

(cont'd overleaf)

Please give details of other sources of funding that your organisation has applied to for this scheme.

Please give details of any fundraising already completed towards this scheme, and of how much money has already been raised.

If your organisation has received funding from East Preston Parish Council in the past two years, please provide documentary and/or photographic evidence of how that funding was used.

East Preston Parish Council runs various events through the year. Would your organisation be able to provide volunteers to support such events?

Please confirm you have enclosed an audited statement of accounts for the previous year showing income & expenditure, bank balances and any reserves.

In case of a successful application, please advise your organisation's bank details:

Account Name:

Sort Code:

Account No.:

Your Name:

Signed:

Position in organisation:

Date:

For help with answering any of the above questions, please contact:

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For office use only. Details of grants awarded by East Preston Parish Council over last five years:

2021/22		2022/23		2023/24	
2024/25		2025/26			
				Total	
Electronic attachments:					