

# Holme Valley Parish Council

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## Grant Evaluation

- The Parish Council likes to hear how community groups have used the money awarded to them
- As the money awarded is public money, we also need to make sure that the money has been spent appropriately and as agreed

Name of Organisation	6 <sup>TH</sup> HOLME VALLEY (TRINITY) SCOUTS
Amount of award	£ 5000
Purpose for which the grant was awarded (Maximum 20 words)	To fund improvements to the equipment of the group.

### The Story of Your Project

- *Tell us what you did with the money awarded to you (Maximum 500 words)*
- *Attach a few photos*

Since March 2021 there has been a drive within the group to improve our headquarters and ensure that the equipment that we have is fit for purpose for our scouting groups. The time spent in doing this was in addition to our leaders continuing to run the groups for the local children. Needless to say the process has been time and labour intensive.

In the process of the improvements we used our funds to undertake numerous improvements. Including new sanitary ware and a new kitchen. The headquarters was also decorated throughout.

**We used around £15,000 of our own reserves to undertake the improvements and reducing reserves – along with the need to replace the security bollards was the incentive to apply for the grant.**

**Whilst preparing the grant application it was identified that replacing the very old and heavy tables used by the group would facilitate easier running of the groups and would support additional fund raising efforts, as it relied upon the need for less volunteers to be present. It would also increase valuable storage space available for the group – as some of the tables we had were not foldaway.**

**Upon the awarding of the grant security bollards were put in – please see the ‘before’ and ‘after’ pictures attached. The new bollards have removed the trip hazard that was present when the old bollards were down. They also provide a much more secure alternative – protecting the minibuses from theft. Leaders are also able to quickly use the new bollards – ensuring that their time is spent in the supervision of the children in their care and not fiddling about with an antiquated mechanism.**

**The Scout group have continued to benefit financially from the monthly craft markets that take place in Honley – using the big tables for stall holders and the smaller tables to set up a café at headquarters. We were lucky enough to be able to source cheaper tables of equally good quality following the grant being provided.**

**The Story of Your Project contd.**

**NA**

<b>What you achieved</b>	
<b>What were the benefits of your project?</b> (Maximum 500 words)	The project have provided better facilities for children. The better facilities supports our leaders and assistants ability to focus on delivery the planned programme, rather than battling with antiquated equipment.
<b>Who benefited from the project?</b>	The children who attend the scouting group have benefitted, along with all the adults who volunteer.

(Maximum 200 words)	
How many people benefited? (Maximum 200 words)	At the date of application we had one Beaver colony, two Cub packs, one Scout group and one Explorer group. Since then the group have started Squirrels for children aged 4 – 6.  All of our groups continue to be very busy and in total the group runs weekly activities for currently 117 children.
Was the project inclusive? How were marginalised groups (elderly, disabled, young people etc) able to participate?	The project related to the improvement of facilities, rather than an activity.
Reflecting on climate change, did the project address any aspects of the climate emergency? How?	The equipment purchased is of high quality and was purchased for durability. This will minimize the need to replace this equipment in the future – using less resources.
Did you achieve what you were trying to do? (Maximum 200 words)	The group are immensely grateful to the Parish Council for their grant – as it has been used to support the ongoing efforts of the group. It has enhanced the ability of the group to provide a better experience for our local children and also has supported regular fund raising efforts.

## Finance and Expenditure

*We ask groups to retain their receipts and invoices, and to keep a record of what they've spent for auditing purposes*

<b>Grant awarded</b>	<b>£ 5,000</b>
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Date	Description of expenditure	Amount
13.4.23	Bollards	£ 1,284.00
18.5.23	Tables	2743.51





Old Bollard





Space Saving Tables

