

# 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

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	Friends of Honley Library
<b>Amount of award</b>	£ 750.00
<b>Purpose for which the grant was awarded</b>	Contributions to our Children's Book Festival as organized and run by FOHL volunteers. This includes payment for visiting workshop leaders and resources for both the Babies into Books weekly event as well as those organized during holidays.

### The Story of Your Project

- *Tell us what you did with the money awarded to you*
- *Attach a few photos*

So far, we have, as volunteers, planned, organized, delivered and evaluated the following activities at Honley Library. A few details on each have been included too on the understanding there are more which we are happy to share should you wish.

Babies in to Books:— 13 x Thursday morning sessions from 10am to 11am during term time culminating with a picnic in the park (venue chosen by the accompanying adults) before breaking up for summer holidays. At least 3 volunteers attend every week. Over 500 children have attended BIBs since we commenced in April 2022 with the average attendance being around 15 to 17 children (not necessarily the same ones) and their accompanying adult.

Evaluations have identified that all enjoy the weekly sessions as find them friendly and are making friends at adult and child levels; learning is taking place including social skills, play and reading; that the group is accessible safe and finally that the volunteers are greatly valued as make the session so enjoyable for all. Improvements identified include security of the building plus improved facilities in the form of nappy changing, accessibility with prams and more space. These have all been noted and fed into the

developing work for the future of the library as a community hub.

### The Story of Your Project contd.

Baby's First Bank Heist Author visit in April 2023: led by Jim Whalley (plus 1 volunteer) who led an action-packed activity based upon his three Baby's First ... books. Many children bought their well-thumbed books for him to sign along with for one child whose birthday it was saying 'I met Jim ... and it's my birthday'. We all sang happy birthday too!

The Summer holiday activities linked into the Library Reading Challenge of Ready, Set, Read, which we branded as Get Ready – Be Ready.

Giraffe's Can't Dance: led by volunteers in July 2023. Full house for this well-known book where the children made a giraffe to take home along with other activities to extend their learning and fun too. 'A lovely event. Good mix of storytelling and crafts pitched really well for the age group. Thank you 😊' plus 'I think it was amazing' 7-year-old who beautifully wrote it himself. '

Go Big! in August 2023 and led by volunteers (2) for young people transitioning from Junior to High Schools this year. Full house too with young people moving onto a variety of High Schools. 3 had recently moved into the area (from USA and Scotland no less) who reported it was particularly beneficial. Adults were encouraged to not stay. Evaluations included liking talking to new people, making the craft activity (nearly all), everything, being creative and meeting new friends. Useful things included being kind, be confident, be yourself and don't change for anyone else and that the sheets were great. The sheets were identified as an improvement by one.

School Here We Come in August 2023 led by a local Nursery Manager ( supported by 2 volunteers) for children starting infant school this autumn in response to requests from parents. Evaluations include from the adults 'It was lovely for xxx to meet other children in her class and to have some interactive activities', 'Very good work booklet (via the workshop leader) and handouts (organized by volunteer) of games and activities to help get my child ready for school' and 'We liked singing songs and listening to the story about starting school, thank you 😊' And an improvement of ' maybe more interactive activities which apply to starting school . Overall fab' Not full.

Other events planned include:

- Author visit incorporating a writing workshop (August 2023)
- Be Ready to Save the world – crafts as well as developing environmental awareness (August 2023)
- Maths sessions linked to Lego Club (run by Library Service) on Saturday mornings (October 2023)
- Story walk around the village in partnership with the Library Service (date TBC)
- Calligraphy for High School young people in partnership with the Library Service (TBC)

- Possible author visit (TBC)

All events are publicized by flyers designed by volunteers plus active usage of social media organized by volunteers.

## What you achieved

<b>What were the benefits of your project?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The library is being accessed for community activities that are book related which can be built upon.</li> <li>- Increased usage of the safe (seen by the participants) library space and visits to the library plus being employed as a community hub</li> <li>- Developing links within the families within our local community and beyond including making friends for the future at all ages</li> <li>- Developing a love of reading at all ages plus other learning taking place</li> <li>- Employing the skills and expertise of our volunteers</li> <li>- Access to wider audiences and being able to gather views of future library usage for us to consider</li> </ul>
<b>Who benefited from the project and the grant awarded?</b>	<p>From BIBs an average of 15 to 17 children per week plus their adults</p> <p>From the holiday activities children aged 3 to 5 plus 10 to 11 so far</p> <p>Totalling around 125 children</p> <p>All accompanying adults too of 120 giving some 145 beneficiaries to date</p>
<b>How many people benefited?</b>	Please see above
<b>Did you achieve what you were trying to do?</b>	<p>Evaluations (as quoted earlier in the form) indicate we are getting there.</p> <p>We have areas to improve upon which we shall work towards in future activities</p>

## 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***

		Grant awarded	£ 750
Date	Description of expenditure	Amount	Remaining
April 2023	Author workshop leader expenses	£ 90.00	£ 660
	Resources	£ 12.00	£ 648
		£	£
	Allocations include to date:	£	£
	Author visit £100	£	£
	Workshop leader £30		
	Maths club £30	£	£
	Be Ready to Save the World £300	£	£
	Resources for BIBS tba	£	£
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***Any amount of the award unspent may have to be returned to the Parish Council***

<b>Person completing this form</b>	Bridget Crabtree	<b>Date</b>	18.08.23
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