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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	The Friends of Cliff Recreation Ground
Amount of award	£ 951.00
Purpose for which the grant was awarded	To part fund a Coronation Celebration, on Cliff Recreation Ground, on the special Bank Holiday, Monday 8 May '23. The event started at 2-00pm and lasted about two hours.

The Story of Your Project

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

Cliff Recreation Ground has been the site of royal and national celebrations, since Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. In the thirteen years of its existence the Friends have organised a number of similar celebrations, the last being the highly successful Platinum Jubilee celebration, in June 2022.

King Charles strongly expressed the wish that no beacons should be lit, as part of the coronation celebrations. The Friends, therefore, took the opportunity to move this coronation event into the afternoon, in the hope that more children would be able to attend, with their families.

The celebration was a simple event, in compliance with the wishes of the King. Music was supplied by Hade Edge Band and refreshments by the 1st Holme Valley Scout Group and New Mill Scouts. Activities for children were provided by the Scouts and there was a face painter.

Our event was attended by a number of distinguished guests: Jon Hammond Booth, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, the Mayor of Kirklees, Councillor Masood Ahmed and Jason Mc Cartney MP, all of whom gave brief speeches.

The Story of Your Project contd.

What you achieved

What were the benefits of your project?

In these post-Covid times, when many have lost confidence in going out, it is important to provide opportunities for people to congregate in safe spaces, to enjoy themselves and take part in the mood of national celebration.

Moving the event to the afternoon did, as the Friends had hoped, attract more children and families. There were queues for the face painter during the entire event and even after it finished!

All the events which the Friends organise are simple and would be easily recognisable to participants in similar events a hundred years ago. This is a considerable part of their charm. It is important to keep old traditions alive

Visitors are encouraged to come on foot, as they did in the past. The only concession to modern technology was a battery operated amplifier.

Who benefited from the project and the grant awarded?

All those attended – over 500 people – benefited.

The event also strengthened relationships between local groups and organisations. Hade Edge Band, has played for all Friends' events.

Ist Holme Valley Scouts have provided refreshments for several of our more recent events. This time they also provided activities for children. For the first time, New Mill Scouts were also involved in providing refreshments and children's activities. As they have done so for previous larger events Wooldale Wanderers provided stewards.

How many people benefited?

As there were no tickets issued and it is an open site, which people can access and leave at will, we do not have an accurate number of participants.

We estimate that about 500 people - of all ages - visited the event during its two hours. This included a number of families, with children. There were also a number of well behaved dogs.

Did you achieve what you were trying to do?

The Friends believe that we did achieve what we set out to do, which was to provide an afternoon of entertainment, for children and adults, as a contribution to national celebrations.

The site is very exposed, so that we are very dependent on the vagaries of the weather. As the forecast was very poor, we decided in the early afternoon, to move Hade Edge Band into the shelter on the Rec, to protect them, their instruments and music.

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	£ 951.-00
Date	Description of expenditure	Amount	Remaining	
8 May '23	Hade Edge Band – Performance fee	£ 250.00	£ 701.00	
8 May '23	St John Ambulance – First Aid	£ 126.72	£ 574.28	
8 May '23	Wooldale Wanderers - Stewarding	£ 100.00	£ 474.28	
8 May '23	Holmfirth Colour Print – Printing flyers / posters	£ 60.00	£ 414.28	
8 May '23	Facepainting – children's activities	£ 110.00	£ 304.28	
8 May '23	George Shaw - Toilet hire	£ 120.00	£ 184.28	
	TOTAL	£ 766.72		

Any amount of the award unspent may have to be returned to the Parish Council

Person completing this form	Deb Wyles (Secretary)
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An amazing Coronation Community Monday was had by all
on Holmfirth Cliff Rec





