

# 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	Friends of Honley Library
Amount of award	£ 850
Purpose for which the grant was awarded (Maximum 20 words)	Organisation , running and evaluation of activities for babies, children and young people at Honley Library .

### The Story of Your Project

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

Babies into Books has run weekly every Friday morning as organized and supported by volunteers. It is a popular event for families who bring along their babies to learn more , in a friendly and welcoming safe environment, about supporting their baby's reading development from with an Early Years University lecturer. Up to 20 families attend supporting a rich mix of cultures and backgrounds .

The following holiday activities have taken place since 14/11/24:

15/12/24 – Santa Comes to Honley Library in partnership with HBA who brought along Santa himself ( who read a story he had written) and elves to join our elves plus kindly provided a present for each child. HVPC purchased the high quality resources for the activities the children ( aged 3 to 9 so varied) took home that included making a present they could give and a Xmas card . The library was full and attracted some families with children

who hadn't used the library before.

19/02/25 - A Headful of Fun led by author Sarah Morrell . A writing workshop full of fun for 16 x 8 to 12 year olds . Evaluation comments include ' great workshop – we have some budding authors'

09/04/25 - An Easter Extravaganza for 8 to 12 years olds . The great egg drop competition took place and originally designed Easter cards were made

17/04/25 - Oscar the Owl reading with author Sue Flint for 3 to 8 year olds followed by easter activities including a simplified version of the card plus an Easter egg hunt in our grounds organized by volunteers

29/05/25 - Our Animal Friends for 7 to 11 year olds led by volunteers based on Harriet the Hedgehog who lives in Honley. They all took home a hedgehog craft and contributed to a story that will be developed further. The games were extremely popular too!

The Maths Club run monthly on Saturday mornings in conjunction with the Library Lego Club has been positive in supporting children with their Maths though games and puzzles.

Plans for the summer include:

01/08/25 - Go Big! For Year 6 primary children moving to High School this September as has been very positively evaluated by attendees the last 2 years ; 'it was amazing' I was told following 1 attendee's first day – result !

07/08/25 – Rhymes and Rhythms led by author Elliot Chester of Catch the Echo for 8 to 12 year olds .

11/08/25 – Mystery book; for 3 to 8 year olds that will include messy crafts and storytelling led by a local art teacher supported by volunteers

Flyers have been personally handed out at the Honley Show targeting families with children.

October half term – possible felt making workshop or Halloween

Christmas holidays – Santa is booked! He has his next story already written.

February – Valentines/ People who help us

### **The Story of Your Project contd.**

## **What you achieved**

<p><b>What were the benefits of your project?</b> (Maximum 500 words)</p>	<p>Benefits include:</p> <p>Increased traffic visiting the library leading to repeat visits</p> <p>Increased library memberships</p> <p>Increased awareness within Honley and beyond that the library offers more than being a library</p> <p>Partnership work with HBA, Kirklees Libraries and the workshop leaders</p> <p>Learning of new skills and encouragement of the joy of reading at all levels; one Dad listened to me read to his child, gradually joined in and then took over leading to a nightly story time as told by his wife when I met her later.</p> <p>A mixing of different cultures and backgrounds with friendships forming especially through BIBs</p>
<p><b>Who benefited from the project?</b> (Maximum 200 words)</p>	<p>We have attracted over 70 plus children and their families so far over the holiday periods ; some are new to us, some are repeated business. The age range has been 3 to 12/13 years and their families. Independence to attend is encouraged for Go Big! As we have found greater confidence is developed for the individual as more open.</p> <p>For BIBs there is a register of over 35 families with a regular attendance of 20 plus each week .</p> <p>Beneficiaries are observed for both children and their adults as seen above</p>
<p><b>How many people benefited?</b> (Maximum 200 words)</p>	<p>Based on the number above and evaluations approximately 220 plus folk have benefitted. Interventions are different with BIBs being more frequent and consistent being weekly and the holiday activities and Maths Club offered at different times throughout the year.</p>
<p><b>Was the project inclusive?</b> How were marginalised groups (elderly, disabled, young people etc) able to participate?</p>	<p>We aim to be inclusive and have attracted a number of dual language children at BIBs which has been supported through BIBs ordering dual language books from the Library Service which parents can follow up in the future. Another example is that Passover cards were made instead of Easter cards for a family.</p>
<p><b>Reflecting on climate change, did the project address any aspects of the climate emergency? How?</b></p>	<p>Fair and Funky ran a workshop for BIBs which was well attended with lots discussed and learnt within a fun environment</p>
<p><b>Did you achieve what you were trying to</b></p>	<p>It is thought we are . thanks to you as you have provided opportunities to continue BIBs and enabling us to offer an</p>

do? (Maximum 200 words)	activity every holiday as organized by volunteers. Thank you very very much
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## 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	£
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Date	Description of expenditure (use another sheet if necessary)	Amount
24/11/24 to 27/06/25	BIBs running costs - £52.82	£
14/02/25	Story sacks for BIBs - £31.50	£
For easter	Baker Ross Easter activities - £48.15	£
Events x 2	Tesco – Easter eggs / activity books – £21.70	£
	Aldi – Easter egg hunt bag - £5.99	£
08/05/25	Felt tip pens and hedgehog craft - £30.75	£
To pay	( 01/08)Go Big ! make your own key rings – £10.00	£
07/08/25	Author and resources - £180	£
11/08/25	Workshop leader & resources – £140	£
BIBs	2 x Horseshoe cushions @ £16.99 - £33.98	£
Plus Oct	Feltnaking workshop leader & kit - £180	
Xmas	£50 for resources ( so far £784.89)	
Feb	Author visit approx. remains (£65.11)	
	Total expenditure	£ 784.89
	Amount of grant remaining (if any)	£ 65.11

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

Person completing this form		Date	07/07/25
Position in organisation	Volunteer		

Send the completed application form, together with all supporting documentation, preferably in PDF format to: [clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can send the paperwork to: Holme Valley Parish Council, The Civic, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3AS.

**Have you considered inviting a Member of the Parish Council to come and see your project and how your grant money has been spent? Why not give the Parish Council a ring and arrange a visit 01484 687460?**