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	New Mill Male Voice Choir
Amount of award	£ 625
Purpose for which the grant was awarded (Maximum 20 words)	To organise a free singing workshop followed by a free, public concert within the Holmfirth Festival of Folk programme of events.

The Story of Your Project

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

The Story of Your Project contd.

Members of New Mill Male Voice Choir along with members of HD8 Ladies Choir met at Coopers Yard on Sunday the 11th May 2025 to meet up with members of the public visiting the town to enjoy the folk festival and to teach them two songs. The songs were Hail Smiling Morn and Pratty Flowers (aka Holmfirth Anthem). The purpose of this event was to allow people the opportunity to experience learning and singing communally. The event also allowed those people who come to the festival as listeners of music to actually participate as music makers. Preparation for this event involved creating arrangements of the music to be performed at the festival workshop by a skilled musician. Copies were then printed. Publicity flyers were designed and printed and circulated prior to the festival weekend. We employed two professional musical directors and piano accompanists to teach the choirs and members of the public participating in the workshop. The festival plan was for the workshop to be one hour long. At midday with more people arriving at Coopers Yard, a concert was given by the choirs and those members of the public who attended the workshop.

What you achieved			
What were the benefits of your project? (Maximum 500 words)	The health benefits of singing and in particular group singing for enjoyment are widely known and accepted. That participants joining a choral group to learn a few songs and perform is not difficult and is enjoyable.		
Who benefited from the project? (Maximum 200 words)	Coopers Yard benefited in terms of business as well as expanding its musical offerings. Those customers of the Coopers Yard benefited as they were entertained. Those members of the public who joined in the singing workshop benefited form learning some songs and experiencing the joy of singing in a choir. And the choirs of New Mill Male Voice and HD8 Ladies benefited by improving their local public awareness of their organisations. Lastly Holmfirth Festival of folk benefited by expanding their festival offerings of free musical workshops to the public.		
How many people benefited? (Maximum 200 words)	About 10 members of the public joined our workshop and on average over 50 members of the public listened to the concert.		
Was the project inclusive? How were marginalised groups (elderly, disabled, young people etc) able to participate?	The workshop was inclusive. The workshop was free and for any adult.		

Reflecting on climate change, did the project address any aspects of the climate emergency? How?	It was not possible to estimate any affect the workshop and concert had on the climate emergency.
Did you achieve what you were trying to do? (Maximum 200 words)	Yes. We held the open and free workshop and members of the public attended. Additionally we felt that the choirs profile in the Town was advanced. A member of the Festival committee commented that this event paved the way to hold more musical workshops in the coming years.

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 £ 625

Date	Description of expenditure (use another sheet if necessary)	Amount
25/04/25	Printing of music sheets	£ 35
22/04/25	Printing of publicity flyers	£ 88.50
11/05/25	Musical director and pianist expenses from HD8 ladies choir	£ 250
31/05/25	New Mill pianist expenses	£ 50
16/05/25	Arrangements of music for the festival	£ 35
23/06/25	New Mill musical director expenses for the festival	£ 165
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		£
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		£
	Total expenditure	£ 623.5
	Amount of grant remaining (if any)	£ 1.50

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

Person completing this form		Date	2/8/25
Position in organisation	Choir Committee Member		

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

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

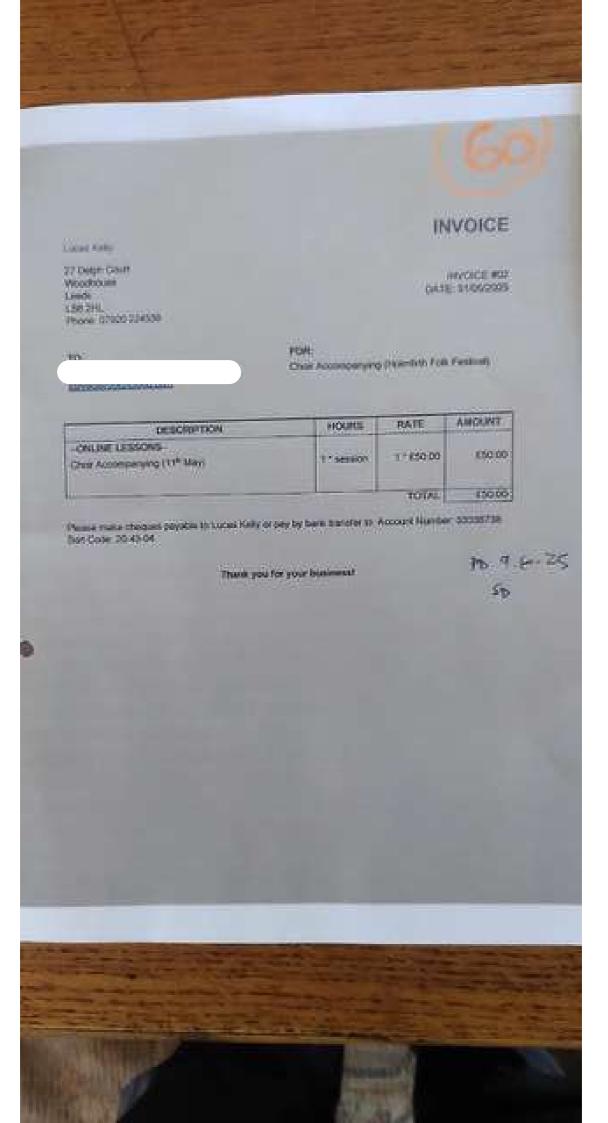
Have you considered inviting a Member of the Parish Council to come and see your project and how your grant money has been spent? Why not give the Parish Council a ring.

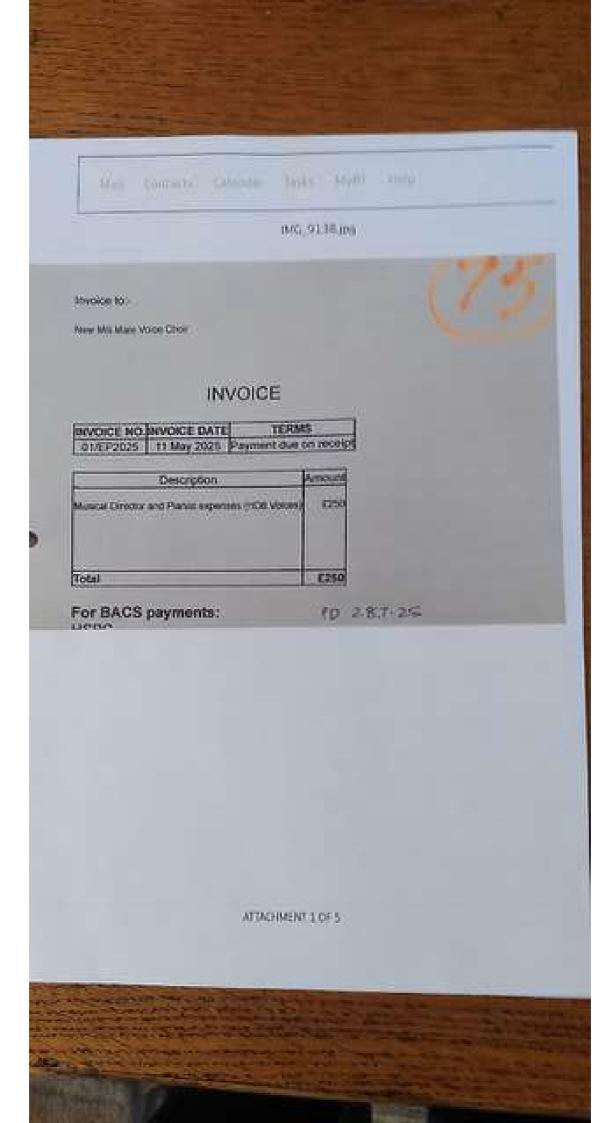
















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