



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	Holmfirth Forward
Amount of award	300
Purpose for which the grant was awarded (Maximum 20 words)	To contribute to funding the first Holmfirth Pride event, organized in response to a homophobic attack (Please note other grants were obtained so the events' total costs shown below were covered.)

The Story of Your Project

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

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A evening event on Saturday 7th June & afternoon/ evening event on Sunday 8 June 2025

Key events:

- Rainbow scavenger hunts, drag bingo sessions, and a queer art exhibition highlighting local talent
- Town-wide participation: Around 65 local businesses displayed bunting, and passers-by chalked positive messages on pavements ("love" and hearts).
- Music & entertainment: Local performers like Bongo Dave, Maya Pinion, and "Captain Smash" took to the stage.

Over 65 local businesses displayed rainbow bunting , created Pride window displays and messages of welcome

Organisers reported being moved to tears by the turnout; described the event as a "heartwarming" and uplifting way to turn negativity into unity

Feedback included:

- “First time at a pride and it was in my bf’s small hometown … the support and turnout was just incredible … the euphoria of seeing so much support was overwhelming.”
- “Holmfirth is a really nice town … it certainly comes across in a way that you would be welcome there.”
- “Grateful to see families, friends, pets – everyone joining in in what was a fantastic inclusive event for the town”
- “Didn’t expect drag bingo to be so much fun!”
- “The turnout gave me chills – real community strength”
- “So glad the whole town embraced rainbows and acceptance after such a horrible incident.”
- “Holmfirth is above love and acceptance and welcomes everyone. We don’t want hate here and this event showcased that!”

Outcomes & future plans

- Organisers plan to repeat the event next year given overwhelming positive feedback subject to funding.
- Strategic aim: show that Holmfirth supports inclusivity and will not tolerate hate

The Story of Your Project contd.

What you achieved

What were the benefits of your project? (Maximum 500 words)	For a modest cost and given the short time available to organise the event, it was an overwhelming success. The benefits included: Emotional resonance: Participants said the event moved them to tears—highlighting how the community “rallied together” against hate. Symbolic unity: The visible commitment of storefronts and residents sent a clear message: “everybody belongs, we will not tolerate hate”.
Who benefited from the project? (Maximum 200 words)	65 businesses were part of a town centre event. This drew the attention of the national media and was reported on the BBC web site... The event had wide social media coverage. The message ‘Holmfirth does not tolerate homophobic (or any form of) hatred. Everyone is welcome, no matter who you love.’ was broadcast widely and received strong support.
How many people benefited? (Maximum 200 words)	A large number of people enjoyed the celebration and took part in the events that ran across town. More importantly, it added to a deeper benefit to the town’s reputation of being a welcoming place to go.
Was the project	Yes, aimed at supporting the LGBTQI+ community following a

inclusive? How were marginalised groups (elderly, disabled, young people etc) able to participate?	homophobic attack which left a young man injured and suffering longer term consequences
Reflecting on climate change, did the project address any aspects of the climate emergency? How?	The event made limited use of non-recyclable materials
Did you achieve what you were trying to do? (Maximum 200 words)	Yes. The strategic aim was show that Holmfirth supports inclusivity and will not tolerate hate Organisers plan to repeat the event next year given overwhelming positive feedback subject to funding.

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	£
Date	Description of expenditure (use another sheet if necessary)	Amount
	Bongo Dave	400
	Drafty Devilz	150
	Hilary - bunting & decorations	296.84
	Kate Woodfifeld	200
	Print Pod	162
	Doug Scard	75
	Sass & the Groove	200
	Nellies	350
	Drag artist costs + travel (Maya)	612
	Drag Satiate (Liam Sharp)	100
		£

	Total expenditure	£ 2,545.84
	Amount of grant remaining (if any)	£

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

Person completing this form		Date	
Position in organisation			

Send the completed application form, together with all supporting documentation, preferably in PDF format to: deputyclerk@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?