

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	Honley Village Community Trust CIO
Amount of award	£ 262.50
Purpose for which the grant was awarded (Maximum 20 words)	Children's Easter Tea Party with the Easter Bunny

The Story of Your Project

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

The grant funding enabled us to organise and deliver another successful Children's Easter Party at Honley Village Hall, providing a fun and affordable afternoon for 50 local children, together with their parents and carers. (it was a sell out party!)

The funding was used to provide the entertainment for the afternoon by hiring our professional DJ, who kept the children entertained throughout with music, dancing and party games. He has a fantastic way with children, ensuring everyone joins in, has fun and feels included. It was lovely to see not only the children taking part, but many parents joining in too, creating a real family atmosphere.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was a visit from the Easter Bunny. Every child had the opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny, have their photograph taken and join in with the games and dancing together. It created lots of smiles, laughter and memories for the children and their families. Our Easter Bunny is a volunteer from Southgate Theatre :-)

Every child received an Easter egg to take home, and we also provided a party tea and refreshments during the afternoon. This gave families the opportunity to relax, chat and spend time together while the children enjoyed the activities.

The feedback from parents and carers was overwhelmingly positive. Many commented on how well organised the event was and how much their children had enjoyed themselves. Several families told us how much they appreciate having affordable community events like this on their doorstep, giving children the chance to socialise, make new friends and simply have fun in a safe and welcoming environment.

The funding made a real difference by allowing us to deliver an event that brought local families together and created lasting memories for the children. As volunteers, seeing the excitement on the children's faces and hearing the positive feedback from parents makes all the planning worthwhile, and we are incredibly grateful for the support that helped make the event possible.

What you achieved

**What were the benefits of your project?
(Maximum 500 words)**

Our Children's Easter Party brought local families together for an afternoon of fun, laughter and community spirit. One of the biggest benefits was giving children the opportunity to spend time together away from screens, enjoying music, dancing, games and making new friends in a safe and welcoming environment.

The event encouraged children of all ages to join in, build confidence and take part in activities together. It was lovely to see children who had never met before happily playing alongside one another by the end of the afternoon. The excitement of meeting the Easter Bunny, taking part in the games and receiving an Easter egg created lasting memories that many families have since told us their children are still talking about.

Parents and carers also benefited from the event. It gave them the chance to spend quality time with their children while meeting other local families and catching up with friends and neighbours. The relaxed, friendly atmosphere is something we always try to create, and it's wonderful to see people leaving with smiles on their faces and already asking about our next event.

Keeping the event affordable meant it was accessible to as many families as possible. We know that organised activities can be expensive, particularly for families with more than one child, so being able to offer a high-quality community event at a low cost is something we feel is really important.

The event also reinforced the Village Hall's role as the heart of our community. Bringing families together in a familiar local venue helps strengthen community connections and reminds people of the fantastic facilities and opportunities available on their doorstep. It also showcases what can be achieved through the dedication of local volunteers who generously give their time to organise and run these events.

Overall, the project helped promote community spirit, inclusion and wellbeing. Most importantly, it gave local children and their families the opportunity to enjoy a memorable Easter celebration together, creating happy memories and strengthening the sense of belonging that makes our community so special.

Who benefited from the project? (Maximum 200 words)	The project benefited 50 local children and their families, giving them the opportunity to enjoy a fun, affordable Easter celebration close to home. The children were able to spend time with friends, make new ones, take part in games, dancing and activities, and simply enjoy being children in a safe and welcoming environment. Parents and carers also benefited by spending quality time with their children while meeting other local families and catching up with friends and neighbours. Many commented on how much they appreciated having a well-organised community event that everyone could enjoy together. The project also benefited the wider community by bringing people together and reinforcing the Village Hall as a welcoming place for families. Our volunteers gained a real sense of pride from working together to organise the event and seeing the enjoyment it brought to so many local children. Overall, the Easter Party benefited children, families, volunteers and the wider Honley community by creating happy memories, strengthening community connections and providing an affordable event that everyone could enjoy.
How many people benefited? (Maximum 200 words)	Approximately 90 + people benefited directly from the project. This included 50 local children, their parents and carers, five Honley Village Community Trust volunteers, and our volunteer Easter Bunny from Southgate Theatre, who generously gave their time to help make the afternoon extra special. The children enjoyed an afternoon of music, dancing, games and activities in a safe, welcoming environment, while parents and carers were able to spend quality time together and meet other local families. Our volunteers also benefited from the experience, taking great pride in working together to organise a successful community event and seeing the enjoyment it brought to local children and their families. The Easter Party also continued to strengthen the Village Hall's role as a welcoming community hub, bringing people together and demonstrating the value of volunteer-led events that are affordable and accessible for local families.

Was the project inclusive? How were marginalised groups (elderly, disabled, young people etc) able to participate?	Yes. We believe our Children's Easter Party is for every child, and we work hard to make sure everyone feels welcome and able to join in. The event was open to all local children and was held at Honley Village Hall, an accessible community venue that many local families are already familiar with. We kept ticket prices affordable to help ensure cost wasn't a barrier to families attending. Our activities were designed so children of different ages and abilities could join in at their own pace. Whether they wanted to dance, take part in games, meet the Easter Bunny or simply enjoy the party atmosphere, there was something for everyone. Parents and carers stayed throughout the event, providing support where needed and allowing children to participate in a way that suited them. The event also brought together children from across the community, giving them the opportunity to make new friends, build confidence and enjoy a shared experience in a safe, friendly and inclusive environment. We want every child who comes through the door to feel welcome, included and able to have fun, and the positive feedback we received from families suggests we achieved exactly that.
Reflecting on climate change, did the project address any aspects of the climate emergency? How?	n/a
Did you achieve what you were trying to do? (Maximum 200 words)	Yes, we absolutely achieved what we set out to do. Our aim was to provide a fun, welcoming and affordable Easter celebration where local children and their families could come together and enjoy spending time with one another. The event was attended by 50 children, along with their parents and carers, and from the moment the music started until the final Easter eggs were handed out, the hall was full of smiles, laughter and excitement. The children threw themselves into the dancing, games and activities, loved meeting the Easter Bunny and enjoyed sharing a party tea together. It was wonderful to see children making new friends while parents caught up with neighbours and met other local families. The feedback we received was extremely positive, with many families commenting on how much they enjoyed the afternoon and how important it is to have affordable community events like this on their doorstep. Overall, the event delivered everything we had hoped for. It created a safe, inclusive and memorable Easter celebration that brought people together, strengthened community spirit and gave local children an afternoon they will remember.

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	£ 262.50
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Date	Description of expenditure (use another sheet if necessary)	Amount
	DJ	£ 200
	Easter Eggs x 50 costing £1.25 each	£ 62.50
		£
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	Total expenditure	£ 262.50
	Amount of grant remaining (if any)	£ 0

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

Person completing this form	[Redacted Name]	Date	31 July 26
Position in organisation	Trustee		

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?













