



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	Hepworth Community Association
Amount of award	£ 2500
Purpose for which the grant was awarded (Maximum 20 words)	Replacement of gas heater with an air-to-air heat pump unit.

The Story of Your Project

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

The main room at Hepworth Village Hall was heated by two balanced flue hot air heaters powered by gas. One of these became unserviceable and unrepairable in summer 2025 and so after some research we decided to replace it with an air-to-air heat pump unit. The cost of a replacement gas heater would have been around £1,500 which we would normally have considered routine maintenance/replacement (both units were at least 20 years old). A heat pump unit with equivalent heat output would have cost about £4,000 installed so we decided to apply for a grant of £2,500 to provide a more efficient and environmentally acceptable solution. In view of the then current uncertainties about heat pump running costs we decided to replace only the broken heater at that time with a view to potentially replacing the other in the future if the heat pump was satisfactory and cost effective over at least one full heating season. The new heat pump was installed in October and has been operating satisfactorily for about 10 months in both cold and hot weather.

New electric heat pump heater / air conditioner



Old gas heater



The Story of Your Project contd.

What you achieved

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

The air-to-air new heat pump was installed in October 2025 and so has now nearly completed a full “heating season”. As can be seen from the pictures above the new unit is more compact, leaving more space for chair storage. The temperature of the fan driven air is considerably lower and safer than the high temperature convection air emitted from the gas unit (removing the need for the large ugly guard unit.) In addition the heat pump unit is reversible and in hot weather

	has provided effective cooling air conditioning, particularly when the hall is full of people. The section below on “climate change” also suggests that the new unit is more efficient and is providing a small reduction in energy costs (as yet undefined.) for the same heat output.
Who benefited from the project? (Maximum 200 words)	Anyone who attends events in the hall will have benefited from the comfortable and safe environment in both cold and hot weather. In particular, playgroup / preschool children (dance classes every week), school children (pantomimes and children’s parties), older people (monthly coffee mornings and choir events), various sporting groups (badminton, keep fit), Art Group, film and music event patrons and private parties.
How many people benefited? (Maximum 200 words)	The maximum capacity of the hall is 100, so it is estimated that many hundreds of people enjoy the facility each year, many of them several times.
Was the project inclusive? How were marginalised groups (elderly, disabled, young people etc) able to participate?	As described above, anyone who attends events in the hall has benefitted from the comfortable and safe environment. Disabled access, disabled toilets and a hearing loop system enable less able people to access and enjoy events in the hall.
Reflecting on climate change, did the project address any aspects of the climate emergency? How?	One of the principal reasons for the project was to reduce the amount of energy used heating the hall. As only one of the two gas heaters was replaced by the electric heat pump we were able to make a direct comparison of the amount of energy each consumed when both were used together (with very similar heat outputs of around 7.5kW). On average, the gas heater was using about 12kW and the electric heat pump less than 3kw, a ratio of 4:1. This means that the energy consumption was reduced by 75%. It is difficult to measure how much energy was actually used over the heating season so far but further analysis (with the help of more detailed smart meter results from a new energy supplier) is being undertaken over the next year to try and quantify the overall difference in energy consumption and hopefully carbon dioxide emissions.
Did you achieve what you were trying to do?	Yes. As well as the environmental and climate change benefits described above the relative energy prices of meant that although electricity is 3.3 times (24.3p/kWh to 7.3p/kWh)

(Maximum 200 words)	more expensive than gas, the ratio of 4:1 reduction in energy consumption left a potential financial advantage of around 17%. The analysis referred to above should be able to give us an idea of the actual financial saving and CO2 reduction.
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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	£ 2,500
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Date	Description of expenditure (use another sheet if necessary)	Amount
30/09/25	Electrical work to provide new supply for heat pump unit. S. J. Roberts electrical	£ 400
17/10/25	Supply and install a Midea 7.5Kw Ceiling and Floor Air conditioning unit as per quotation. Brookhouse Gas.	£ 3,649
	Total expenditure	£ 4049
	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		Date	06/08/26
Position in organisation	Chair of Trustees		

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?

S J Roberts Electrical Holmfirth	Invoice Date30/9/2025 Invoice45 Bill To Hepworth Village Hall Towngate Hepworth HD9 1TE
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Item No	Description	Quantity	Amount
	Electrical works done at the village hall on the 19th and 20th of September to provide new 20a circuit for the air conditioning unit due to be fitted in October. Materials:£150.00 Labour:£250.00 Invoices due on receipt. Bank details:		
		Total	£400.00

Hepworth Village Hall
 Town Gate
 Hepworth
 Holmfirth
 HD9 1TE

Invoice payment

Payment date	17/10/25
Payment number	12785

Date	Reference	Description	Method
17/10/25	Hepworth village Hall - 33152	Hepworth village Hall - 33152	BACS
Invoice number	Description		Amount
33152	Supply and Install a Midea 7.5Kw Ceiling and Floor Air conditioning unit as per our quotation.		£3,649.00

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