

Holme Valley Parish Council

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Grant Evaluation – Christmas Decorations

- 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	£ 190
Purpose for which the grant was awarded	Rolling Grant for provision of Christmas tree in the centre of Hepworth village.

The Story of Your Project

- *Tell us what you did with the money awarded to you (Maximum 200 words)*
- *Attach a few photos*

A cut tree (approx 16ft high) sourced (by HVPC) from and delivered by Wickens Farm was installed outside the Butchers Arms public house in the centre of Hepworth village, decorated with LED lights. The tree and lighting were erected and installed by volunteers at the same time as other Christmas decorations throughout the village. The lights were switched on in early December and removed in early January but the highlight was the community carol singing around the tree on Christmas Eve accompanied as usual by the Hepworth Silver Prize Band.



What you achieved

What were the benefits of your project? (Maximum 250 words)	The grant enabled us to put up a decent tree this year with efficient LED lights. It provided a focal point for the community carol singing, allowing many people, including many families with children, to enjoy the festive event.
Who benefited from the project? (Maximum 100 words)	Many villagers and other people with connections to the village come to join in the carol singing every year to celebrate the Christmas season and meet old friends.
How many people benefited? (Max 50 wds)	It is estimated that there were several hundred people taking part in the singing. In addition during December evenings the tree and lights provide a cheering spectacle to people walking or driving past.
Was the project inclusive? Were marginalised groups (elderly, disabled, young people etc) involved?	Everybody who wanted to was able to see the tree and lights and/or experience the atmosphere at the carol singing.
Reflecting on climate change, did the project address any aspects of the climate emergency? How?	The new decorations for the tree were energy saving LED lights which were only illuminated during the hours of darkness each evening in December, minimising energy consumption and hence carbon dioxide emissions.

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	£ 190
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Date	Description of expenditure (use another sheet if necessary)	Amount
7/12/25	Christmas Tree from Wickens Farm paid direct by HVPC	£ 190
	Total expenditure	£ 190
	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	Alan Brook	Date	14/01/2026
Position in organisation	Chair of Trustees		

Use extra sheets if needed; expand boxes to fit text etc.

Send the completed application form, together with any 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.