

Shawbury Parish Council

GRANTS & DONATIONS POLICY

1. Purpose of the Policy

Shawbury Parish Council awards grants to support organisations and activities that benefit residents of Shawbury Parish. Grant funding is provided from an annual budget agreed by the Council as part of its precept.

2. Types of Grants

Minor Grants: Typically up to £200 per organisation per financial year.

Major Grants: Normally up to £500 per project for clearly defined development projects.

3. Eligibility

Eligible	Ineligible
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Organisations or community groups within the parishOrganisations outside the parish who can show that their work benefits people from Shawbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Private individualsPolitical partiesOrganisations whose work does not provide any benefit to Shawbury residentsOrganisations whose sole purpose is make profitReligious organisations (unless for a purpose that does not discriminate on grounds of belief)Organisations who request funding to support their statutory responsibilities

4. Application Process

Applications must be made using the Council's application form and include recent financial accounts. Major grant applications must include project details and quotations.

5. Decision-Making

Councillors will assess eligibility, benefit to residents, realism of costs, and availability of alternative funding.

6. Payment and Monitoring

Approved grants will be paid by bank transfer, usually before the end of March. Recipients may be required to report on how funds are spent.

7. Unsuccessful Applications

Applicants will be informed by the Parish Clerk and may receive guidance for future applications.

Adopted	March 2026
Review Frequency	Annually at Annual Parish Council Meeting
Next Review due	May 2026