**COMMUNITY GRANTS IN UNDERWOOD & BISHTON**

**Small Grant Scheme**

Bishton Community Council, which covers Underwood, Bishton and Wilcrick, has decided to offer grants to voluntary groups and initiatives in our area for projects benefiting the local community. Grants can be between £100 and £500 and are for . projects to be completed from 1 October 2017 until 30 September 2018.

Grants are intended to support **new or expanded initiatives** rather than everyday housekeeping costs. They can cover any section of the community including children, adults, pensioners, the disabled and disadvantaged people.

**Criteria**

This is a new scheme, and the Council is treating the first year in 2017-18 as an experiment. We are going to be flexible in our approach and follow two key principles :

1. The grant must benefit the local community (or part of it)
2. The grant will only be provided to voluntary and not-for-profit projects in Underwood, Bishton or Wilcrick.

**Applications**

Please send applications in the form of a short letter or email giving these details:

1. Name of group applying for the grant
2. Membership and status of the group.
3. Project for which a grant is sought, including objectives, any co-funding, timescale, and bank account details
4. Contact details of the group official or member who would take responsibility for receiving the grant, ensuring it was properly spent, and providing a report to the Council.

All applications should be sent to the Clerk of the Council by email at bishtoncc@live.co.uk

**The closing date for applications is 31 March 2018**

**Selection and Reporting**

The Council will decide which applications it can support on a case-by-case basis.

Successful applicants will be asked to submit a short report on the use of the grant and if possible provide photographs for our website.

If there are any queries please contact the Clerk of the Council by email or 07547 681998, or Councillor Rob Hepworth at rghepworth@gmail.com or 01633 413253