

Sevenoaks District Council

Big Community Fund

Application form

1	Name of ward: Hextable & Swanley Christchurch
2	Name of Member: Cllr Dee Morris
3	<p>Name of delivery organisation: Hextable Parish Council</p> <p>Address of delivery organisation: College Road Hextable Kent BR8 7LW</p> <p>Name of the main contact who will be accountable for the delivery of the project: Mrs Tracy Lane, Parish Clerk</p> <p>Telephone number of main contact: ____01322 668530</p>

4 Description of Project:

Hextable Park has a sports wooden pavilion which was vandalised years ago but some very basic improvements were made when Hextable became a separate parish so the pavilion could be used and a football club was started.

The New Town Tigers Football Club, known locally as just 'Tigers', uses the football pitch in the park on a Saturday and Sunday. The Club has about 120 members aged from 6 to 17 years old. The organisers are FA approved and CRB checked.

The toilets were vandalised recently and there was a water leak in the ceiling. Repairs and renovations to the toilets and the inside the pavilion in general have been made by the Parish Council but the budget is now spent.

It seems very sensible to install an alarm system to try to avoid any future vandalism and there is some electrical work to be done including fire safety work which as the building is wood is essential.

There may be opportunities for the pavilion to be used for additional purposes during the summer school holidays if the electrical work is done.

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Total project cost: £ 2,366

How will the money be spent?

The money will be spent on electrical work as attached.

Fire Alarm System or Smoke & Heat Detectors
Emergency Lighting
Security Alarm

Supply & fit outside light and wiring
Replace burnt kitchen socket
New fuse board
Earth rod
New kitchen light
Earthing to lighting circuits

If the total cost exceeds the amount requested from Big Community Fund, please state here how the remaining cost is to be met::

Amount requested from the SDC Big Community fund:

£ 2,366 _____

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Your community

How have you been able to involve the local community in planning this project?

Yes, Tigers is very popular and news often appears in the village newsletter.

The concern regarding the condition of the electrics at the sports pavilion initially came from parents of the Tigers who use the pavilion on a Saturday morning and

some Sundays.

The Parish Council have involved the organisers of Tigers in the repairs to the toilets and the ceiling and they have been very helpful.

The Residents' Association has discussed the safety concerns of the pavilion and urged possible funding applications as local sporting opportunities are extremely limited in Hextable and once renovated the pavilion may be used for a number of uses in the park.

Hextable borders one of the two local wards in Swanley which are deprived wards and a few of the lads in the team live in Whiteoak and St Mary's. Parents of most of these young lads would not be able to contribute to the repairs although a number of them helped with the work of clearing up after the water leak and are keen to help organise events with other clubs in the park.

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What is the need for the project?

Organised clubs especially involving fresh air and exercise is good for young children and to start them young helps channel them into regular exercise.

A football team also teaches social skills and team work so to be able to go into the pavilion to have a glass of squash together after the match is good.

A parent sponsored the team jumpers recently and the lads now proudly wear the jumpers when training or playing.

The electrics are not safe and the brief report attached explains the needs for some basic repairs and improvements.

The park is prone to vandalism especially during the school summer holidays so the pavilion would benefit greatly from an alarm system.

8 Long term benefits

Please comment on the lasting effects of the project:

The pavilion would be used for many years to come for Tigers at weekends. Tigers also want to use it as a base for their yearly awards event which is mainly held outside but the use of the facilities would be a great help.

The park has been suggested for children's events during the summer now the toilets are renovated but until the electrics are improved safety would be a concern. So this funding would allow a wider use of the pavilion.

9 The impact of your project

How will you know whether the project has been a success?

Feedback from the parents and organisers would be monitored as the pavilion is booked through the parish office.

Tigers will be invited to attend the Annual Village Meeting in 2014 to present to the village. It is anticipated they will be extremely pleased with the repairs and improvements including the electrics.

It has been suggested that an announcement system or music can be provided by organisers or parents once the electrical work is completed.

Tigers can offer to host tournament days at the park.

Hot snacks (hot dogs and hamburgers) can be provided at events or on tournament days. The use and enjoyment of the park and the pavilion will be increased.

10 **Ongoing costs**

If there is an on-going need for maintenance or management of the project, who will be responsible and how will this be funded?

The Parish Council is responsible for the park and pavilion

11 **Supporting statement from the sponsoring Local Member:**

It is a great shame that the pavilion has been allowed over very many years to deteriorate into such a bad condition as this could be such an asset to the youngsters.

The Parish Council created in 2008 has had so many initial demands on its precept it is only now, that events have taken a hand to make it even worse, that the parish have financed renovations to the toilets and building. These improvements are excellent but I hope the toilets are not vandalised before an alarm system can be financed.

It would be good if the electrical wiring, a fire alarm and security alarm could be supplied via the Big Community Fund so this sports facility could support the regular users of the park.

It would be lovely for Tigers and their supporters to have the opportunity to have hot dogs and hot drinks via the pavilion to increase the social aspect of the team.

I completely agree that the sports pavilion in the park is a good Application to the Big Community Fund.

Signed

(sponsoring Local Member)

12 Agreement of other Local Members that they are happy with the proposed project:

SIGN NAMES:

PRINT NAMES:

(Local Member)

Rupert Brownson

..... (Local Member)

13 Declaration by project delivery organisation:

I confirm that my organisation will be responsible for the grant and the delivery of the above project and any on-going maintenance or management. I confirm that the organisation has an equalities policy or has signed the attached District Council's Equality Statement.

Signed

.....Date

10/5/13

PRINT NAME:

Please remember to include the following documents with your application:

- A copy of the constitution of the delivery organisation
- A copy of the latest audited accounts of the delivery organisation
- A signed copy of the Equality Statement, or a copy of the delivery organisation's equalities policy



EQUALITY POLICY

1. BACKGROUND

Hextable Parish Council has had regard to The Equality Act 2010.

2. COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT

Hextable Parish Council aims to ensure that our services meet the varied needs and expectations of the local people and that everyone has equal access to all services regardless of age, gender, sex and sexual orientation, disability, marital status, ethnicity, religious belief or any other individual characteristics which may limit a person's opportunity in life.

The Council will Endeavour to:-

- . Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation.
- . Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who do not.
- . Foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who do not.
- . In order to promote equality of access to services the Council will aim to ensure the following: -
- . The services provided are in response to the needs of the whole community
- . The Council will monitor views and take into account customer views
- . The information on services is widely available to ensure maximum awareness of provisions
- . That in advertising and publicity the Council will be presented as an authority committed to promoting equality of access to employment and services
- . That staff will be consulted and their contribution valued in the information and promotion of equality of access to Council services
- . That staff will be trained and supported in carrying out their duties in line with implementing equal opportunities policies

3. EMPLOYMENT

It is the policy of Hextable Parish Council to afford equal treatment to all its employees and prospective employees. The aim of this policy is to ensure that no job applicant or employee receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of race, colour, nationality, sex or sexual orientation, marital status, physical or other handicap.

4. RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of every Councillor to develop the Council's services in order that they are provided in fair and equitable manner. The Members' Code of Conduct adopted by the Council places a positive duty on all Councillors to promote equality by not discriminating against others. Councillors are essential to the successful implementation of equalities which they can achieve by:

- Providing leadership and support
- Ensuring resources are available
- Engaging with the local community
- Scrutinising equality of the Council's services and action; and delivery of this Equalities policy



Whilst the main responsibility for providing equal opportunity rests with the Council, individual employees also have responsibilities. The elimination of discriminatory practices depends upon the co-operation of all employees. In particular employees should:-

- . Co-operate with measures introduced to make sure there is equality of opportunity and no discrimination
 - . Ensure that they do not discriminate against colleagues
 - . Draw the Parish Clerk's attention to discriminatory acts or practices
 - . Not victimise individuals on the grounds that they have made a complaint or provided information about discrimination
 - . Not harass, abuse, bully or intimidate employees.
- Where employees commit such acts in the course of their employment it will be considered a disciplinary matter and the appropriate action taken

5. MONITORING

The Parish Clerk will establish appropriate systems to monitor the service delivery on the basis of age, gender, sex and sexual orientation, disability, marital status, ethnicity, religious belief or any other individual characteristics to ensure fairness.

Adopted September 2011
Revised

Sevenoaks District Council

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Application form

1 Name of ward: Seal & Weald

2 Name of Member: Cllr. Julia Thornton

3 Name of delivery organisation: Sevenoaks Weald Parish Council

Address of delivery organisation: C/O The Parish Clerk, Pagwood, Long Barn, Weald, TN14 6NJ

Name of the main contact who will be accountable for the delivery of the project:

[REDACTED]

Telephone number of main contact:

[REDACTED]

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4 Description of Project:

REPAIRING AND REPLACING BROKEN HISTORIC FINGERPOST SIGN IN WEALD

Until earlier this year, a beautiful old and rare short columned cast-iron traditional black and white fingerpost road sign stood on a small triangle of grass at the little junction of Bowzell Green, on the outskirts of Weald Village, directing traffic to and from the villages and communities of Weald, Bayleys Hill and Bough Beech/Edenbridge. It had stood there for, it is believed, about 100 years and was beginning to show its age and was in need of some restoration.

Sadly, back in March, this historic fingerpost was knocked down and broken into pieces by a passing lorry. Then, to add insult to injury, thieves made off with a couple of the metal arms, either as a local trophy or to melt down for profit.

Local residents immediately mounted a campaign, which has since been embraced by Weald Parish Council, to try and find a way to repair and replace the sign. They initially contacted the local press, who ran a story on the event and pleaded with anyone who knew the whereabouts of the missing "fingers" to kindly return them, and one of them duly was. And since then the campaigners have been rallying the troops and gaining momentum behind their campaign from local residents, gathering competitive quotes and speaking to the various local councils and local residents to try and secure financial support. Their hope is to continue campaigning after this finger post is mended and replaced to bring back more historic looking and less urban road signage across the whole of the village (although that part of their plan is not the focus for this application).

As 2014 marks 100 years since the outbreak of the First World War, the campaigners have decided to combine the restoration of the fingerpost with an act of commemoration of The Great War and those that fell in the defence of their country. It is therefore proposed to sow the triangle of land at Bowzells Green, where the fingerpost will once again stand when it has been repaired and restored, with red poppies. It stands in an area of outstanding natural beauty and will act as an

enduring legacy for generations to come.

5 Total project cost: £ 2,665.00

How will the money be spent?

To dig out & relocate the iron stub post column and concrete back in	£265.00
To refurbish the post column as new	£165.00
To make and fit new non corrosive internal core tube	£150.00
To refurbish the existing finger-arm	£185.00
To cast two spacer collars	£160.00
To recast two finger-arms	£1,190.00
To recast a new cast metal finial	£350.00
To carry out all preparation and detailed contrast painting	£200.00
To deliver to site and carryout assembly of the finger-post sign	Free
To drill and attach all stainless fixings	Free
Poppy seeds (to be donated by local resident):	Free
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	£2,665.00

If the total cost exceeds the amount requested from Big Community Fund, please state here how the remaining cost is to be met:

KCC local Members' fund (Cllr. Nick Chard)	£750
Weald Parish Council	£300
Fundraising and local benefactors	£300

Amount requested from the SDC Big Community fund:

£ 1,315

6 Your community

How have you been able to involve the local community in planning this project?

Local residents have offered their support for this project and are very keen to see that everything possible is done to ensure the completion of it. Research has been done by local residents on finding appropriate restorers, meeting and discussing the restoration process and obtaining quotes. Articles have been written for the Sevenoaks Chronicle and for the Parish Magazine. The Weald History Society have

shown interest and have indicated that they are keen to do an article on the history of fingerposts followed by an article on the First World War and the commemoration of it with the restoration of the fingerpost and planting of poppies at Bowzell Green. Forms have been placed in the village in three locations so that signatures in support of this project from the wider community can be capture (to date we have secured over 150 signatures). The Parish Council have been kept informed and their financial support for this project has been secured along with a donation from our local County Councillor. We will also be approaching the village primary school shortly to see if they would be interested in doing a story/ project on the fingerpost in relation to history and WW1

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7 What is the need for the project?

The need is three fold.

In the first instance the fingerpost is in dire need of restoration, it was hit by an articulated vehicle at the beginning of the year. The driver, finding he could go no further on a weight and width restricted country lane, attempted to turn round, hitting the post in the process. He failed to stop and a couple of parts were taken as 'trophies' soon after. An appeal was mounted for the return of these parts, now just one finger is lost to us. At the moment there is no signage at this junction and the column that remains is almost horizontal. The other parts of the column are with the chosen restore, Marcus Slegg from www.heritagesigns.com an expert in this field. He is local and his quote was the most competitive.

Secondly, there needs - for guidance and safety reasons - to be some form of signage here. This rare short columned black and white cast iron fingerpost has been a guide for travellers uncertain of their whereabouts at a junction in the small country lanes on the outskirts of Weald. It has pointed the way to Weald, Bailey's Hill and Bough Beech/Edenbridge for we believe, nearly 100 years. It is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and fits beautifully in with the charm that surrounds it. Signage is required at this spot but we feel a modern steel sign, more suited to an urban environment, would sit uncomfortably in this very beautiful rural location.

Thirdly, the restoration of this much loved feature will mark a time in our history that no one should forget. Talk of restoring it to mark 2012 (prior to it being struck down by the lorry) was muted. However, we have now decided that 2014 would be far more fitting. The fingerpost itself is nearly 100 years old and this triangle of grass, in a beautiful peaceful rural setting, planted with poppy seeds, would enable us to mark the centenary of World War One in the most fitting and honorable manner.

8 Long term benefits

Please comment on the lasting effects of the project:

Travellers will be able to locate their position, find their way and travel safely following the correct route to their destination. Both they and local residents can enjoy the rural charm that this rare heritage sign brings to the landscape, and should continue to do so for the next 100 years.

This much loved and cherished fingerpost will be a reminder of our manufacturing and highways history when foundries were plentiful and these signs were cast. Most importantly of all, it will also be an enduring legacy and reminder for generations to

come of the sacrifice made by so many during WW1.

9 The impact of your project

How will you know whether the project has been a success?

The restoration and resurrection of the fingerpost will immediately prove the success of this project. Once back in its rightful position, it provides both immediate visual enjoyment and guidance to those both familiar and unfamiliar with the area.

This project has drawn our local community together. It has made us focus closely on the signage both in and around our village. There are sadly very few traditional signposts left. They have all but been replaced with modern steel signs - which neither look as nice or last as long, doing nothing to enhance the beauty that surrounds them being more suited to an urban environments. This project reaffirms the wish by the community who appreciate and enjoy traditional rural signage, whether they are just passing through or have the enjoyment of it each passing day. It is the start of a larger wish to see the gradual replacement of the modern steel signs with the more traditional which add to the rural identity and quintessentially English charm of our beautiful village and landscape.

10 Ongoing costs

If there is an on-going need for maintenance or management of the project, who will be responsible and how will this be funded?

The on going costs are zero - apart from a possible repaint every century! It is also proposed to relocate the sign more into the centre of the triangle, so as to prevent such damage being done to it again in the future.

The extent to which this project is in addition to usual maintenance arrangements and responsibilities that are more appropriately funded by the landowner, the delivery organisation or another agency.

Kent Highways would usually have the responsibility of replacing the sign, however they only have the option of modern varieties. We did initially explore the possibility of them donating what they would have spent on a modern replacement, but providing a cash alternative was not an option. However, to counter balance that, County Councillor Nick Chard has match funded this approximate amount (£750) from his local members fund (as shown already above in section 5), so in a roundabout way, they have done their bit.

11 Supporting statement from the sponsoring Local Member:

Well....what a lovely project! I have been so impressed by [REDACTED] and the other campaigners for their dedication to this cause. It is something that the local residents, especially those in Bowzells Green, feel exceptionally passionate about and they have really galvanized local interest and support from the wider village to make this happen. The loss of their prized landmark was like the loss of their own identity as a small hamlet.

And their decision to link the restoration and repair of this historic fingerpost to a commemoration of the start of World War I is genius, and so fitting considering the age of the original signpost. I personally can't wait to see the poppies in full bloom

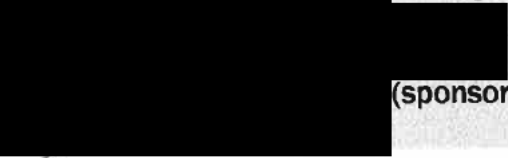
next year – it should look majestic, and yet so simple, in its beautiful surroundings.

The local Parish Council has kindly agreed to adopt the campaign on behalf of the village so that they can act as the delivery organisation for the project, and have been kept informed of progress all along. They have also donated to the restoration fund. I'm also please that Nick Chard as the local County Councillor has added his own endorsement to the campaign by providing a donation from his own local members' fund to cover the cost of what the County would have paid had they just replaced the sign with a modern alternative. However, despite these generous donations, and a further £300 to be raised from local fund raising and local benefactors, there is still a major gap in their finances, which I am sincerely hoping that the Big Community Fund will be able to close, in full.

I really feel that this project ticks so many of the boxes of the BCF scheme: It has pulled the COMMUNITY together, will provide a LEGACY asset for all to enjoy for at least another 100 years, it is NONE DISCRIMINATION, has JOINT FUNDING schemes in place, has NO ON-GOING COSTS and I also believe that it shows INNOVATION in its own way in the fact that they have rejected the modern and sort for the more classical solution that is befitting of its surroundings.

I am also delighted that they have decided to relocate the post into a more central location on the little green, to ensure that future, foolish, reversing truck drivers cannot do damage to this much beloved signpost.

I really hope that you, the judging panel, can also see the benefits of this delightful community project and will agree to provide the full funding that they are asking for so that this project can get underway in earnest. I am of course available to help answer any queries that you may still have about the project so that you can be armed with all the information that you need at the meeting to be able to make a decision on the night. Have a good meeting.

Signed  (sponsoring Local Member)

12 Agreement of other Local Members that they are happy with the proposed project:

SIGN NAMES:

PRINT NAMES:


 (Local Member)

BOB HEARSH

.......... (Local Member)

13 Declaration by project delivery organisation:

I confirm that my organisation will be responsible for the grant and the delivery of the above project and any on-going maintenance or management. I confirm that the organisation has an equalities policy or has signed the attached District Council's Equality Statement.

Signe Date 30.6.2013

PRINT NAME: JOHN CAIRD
PARISH CLERK

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES STATEMENT

Stewards West Irish Centre

(Insert name of

organisation) recognises that everyone has a contribution to make to our society and a right to equal treatment. We aim to ensure that no organisation or individual involved with our organisation will be discriminated against by our organisation on the grounds of:

- ❖ Race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national
- ❖ Sex, marital status or caring responsibility
- ❖ Sexuality
- ❖ Age
- ❖ Physical or mental disability or mental health
- ❖ Political belief or religion
- ❖ Class
- ❖ Health status
- ❖ Employment status

Please note that if you have an Equal Opportunities Policy you may prefer to enclose a copy instead of signing the Equal Opportunities Statement.

I confirm that my organisation is committed to equal opportunities

Signed (on behalf of the organisation)

Designation:

C. F. M. C.

