

Sevenoaks District Council

Big Community Fund

Application form

1 **Name of ward: Sevenoaks Eastern**

2 Name of Member: Cllr Roger Walshe

3 Name of delivery organisation: Hollybush Residents Association

Address of delivery organisation: [REDACTED]

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

Telephone number of main contact: [REDACTED]

4 Description of Project:

Replace broken bench in the Hollybush Recreation Ground

5 **Total project cost: £ 589**

How will the money be spent? The current bench which used to be well used, is no longer serviceable. The slats have broken and it looks an eyesore. We would like to replace it with a sturdy bench, similar to the one that David Boorman of Sevenoaks District Council recommended and installed on our behalf in the play area in the Hollybush Recreation Ground. The bench we want to replace is close to the children's play ground, overlooks the tennis courts and has a fine view to the east. It would improve the appearance of the Park, enable visitors to enjoy the view and people to sit down whilst watching the tennis or just enjoy the view ,

David Boorman has agreed to order the bench on our behalf, arrange delivery and install the bench.

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

If the Community Fund was unable to meet the cost in full, the Hollybush Residents Association would be prepared to contribute £100

Amount requested from the SDC Big Community fund:

£ 589

**6 Your community**

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

The Hollybush Residents Association has a membership of 173 households in the immediate area. Their Committee has discussed and supported the project after receiving requests from local users of the Park.

**7 What is the need for the project?**

A broken bench looks unsightly, is not fit for purpose and encourages vandalism. The Park not only serves the local residents, but is enjoyed by residents from the whole of Sevenoaks. In 2000 the Residents Association planted a red oak tree to mark the Millenium. The broken bench is close to this tree which is now a very fine specimen We have concerns that if the broken/ vandalised bench is allowed to remain, it could encourage vandalism of the tree..

The Hollybush Residents Association are proud of the Park. It encourages well being and plays an important part in our communy. Parents bring their children to play and enjoy meeting , chatting and making friends with other parents in pleasant surroundings , The Hollybush Sheltered Housing complex is close to the Park. Their residents and other older people coming to relax and walk in the Park would also benefit by having somewhere to sit down and rest their feet.

**8 Long term benefits**

Please comment on the lasting effects of the project:

The Streetmaster bench,has been recommended by David Boorman as being long lasting and hard wearing, It would be fixed into the ground so could not be moved. We would hope that it would bring pleasure and fulfil a need for many people for many years.

**9 The impact of your project**

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

It will be well used and positive feedback from local residents.

**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 Streetmaster bench is of high quality , and will be concreted into the ground. No maintenance costs are expected.

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.

Although the Hollybush Recreation Ground is owned and maintained by SDC, we appreciate that budgets are tight and replacing benches not a priority.

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

Signed ..  (Sponsoring Local Member)

**12 Agreement of other Local Members that they are happy with the proposed project:**  
**SIGN NAMES:** **PRINT NAMES:**

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

ELIZABETH PURVES  
MEMBER - HOLLYBUSH RES ASSOC.

**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 19 Nov 2014.

PRINT NAME:

J. J. PURVES  
CHAIRMAN - HOLLYBUSH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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

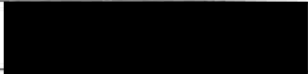
**n EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES STATEMENT**

HOLLYBUSH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (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**

<b>Signed (on behalf of the organisation)</b>	
<b>Designation</b>	CHAIRMAN
<b>Print Name</b>	J. W. PURVES

Sevenoaks District Council

Big Community Fund

Application form

- 1 **Name of ward: Ash & New Ash Green**
- 2 Name of Member: Cllr Carol Clark
- 3 Name of delivery organisation: New Ash Green Village Assoc. Ltd.  
Address of delivery organisation: Centre Road  
New Ash Green, Kent DA3 8HH  
Name of the main contact who will be accountable for the delivery of the project:  
Debby Sheerin  
Telephone number of main contact: 01474 872691
- 4 Description of Project:  
The Village Association (VA) has considered establishing an outdoor gym on its land for some time, but a fully worked up scheme has not been implemented for reasons of cost.  
The outdoor gym will be in the form of a series of specialised exercise equipment, already sourced and extensively researched. The equipment will be accessible to all, whether village resident or otherwise. It will assist users in developing strength, by helping to build and tone muscle, the equipment will have cardiovascular benefits by helping to strengthen the heart and improve lung efficiency, will improve flexibility by stretching ligaments and increase the range of movements and improve balance and coordination. The equipment is guaranteed for ten years and is fully compliant with the new European Outdoor Exercise Equipment requirement.  
It is proposed that the gym would be located on the sportsfield adjacent to The Pavilion building and to the existing children's playground. Refreshments can also be purchased nearby.  
The equipment chosen; walkers steppers etc. is specifically designed to be used across a wide range of ages and ability, including the disabled.  
There is a car park next to the proposed site with easy wheelchair access.  
- An outside gym is a great community facility that encourages people to come together and interact, so enhancing community cohesion.  
- Quality of life in this rural village has been under threat from the centralisation of amenities to larger areas. We would like to try and persuade the local community to spend more of its leisure time locally. The outside gym is one way of progressing our aim as well as the health benefits. A healthy population is seen as vital.  
- Use of the facility will be free of charge, making it available to all sectors of the population, especially those who cannot afford the charges imposed by commercial gyms.

5 **Total project cost: £ 11,040.00**

How will the money be spent? The money will be used to purchase the equipment outright. The total above includes six pieces of equipment, delivery and installation. The quotation is attached along with descriptions of the equipment we hope to be able to purchase and install.

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

The balance of the funding is hoped to be obtained from the Awards for All (Big Lottery Fund). An application has already been submitted, subsequent notification from them requested further evidencing. A questionnaire has since been in circulation to residents whereby support for the gym was very well received and we are confident we could encourage a large number of potential users to visit the site. The application to Awards for All is now due to be resubmitted, assistance from the Big Community Fund would be beneficial to our application being approved.

Amount requested from the SDC Big Community fund:

£ 3,000

6 **Your community**

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

A questionnaire was prepared by the VA and has been in circulation to local residents the study of which show that an outdoor gym would be very well received. The results received so far show that 70% would welcome an outdoor gym.

7 **What is the need for the project?**

The outside gym will meet several important aims, not least the provision of a lasting social, as well as fitness-related amenity for all and a place where people can congregate to participate in a health related activity close to where they live. Young parents and carers could also take advantage of the facilities while still providing effective supervision over their charges in the neighbouring playground. The project will be open to all ages. The physical and social welfare of all users will undoubtedly benefit.

8 **Long term benefits**

Please comment on the lasting effects of the project:

National health and fitness statistics show that many people do not exercise due to many factors i.e. cost of gym memberships, time etc. Having this equipment will

benefit all residents as will be free of charge and on their doorstep, with the long term benefits being a healthier local population.

9 **The impact of your project**

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

We are very confident due to the positive response of our questionnaire that the outside gym will be popular. The location of the gym on the sportsfield will also benefit the existing football/rugby players etc. all of whom are already sports orientated. Ultimately, we expect a general uplift in the physical wellbeing of the local community.

Users will be encouraged through the VA Newsletter to provide feedback on their experience of the outdoor gym.

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?

All future maintenance costs to be borne by the VA.

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.

This is a capital project by the VA, which is the landowner and delivery organisation.

The only guaranteed regular income available to the VA comes from the annual subscriptions paid by all residents; the VA aims to keep these subscriptions as low as possible whilst providing sufficient money to meet its obligations for the maintenance of the extensive amenity land and facilities within the village. It has also been necessary to subsidise some facilities, such as the village hall and sports provision, in order to make these available to as many local people as possible. The cost of any capital project has to be carefully assessed against its potential for reducing maintenance costs or attracting additional income. The outside gym project fails these strict financial tests although it would bring other significant non-fiscal benefits to the community so, in order to keep subscriptions to an affordable level, we anticipate the majority of the cost of the project will need to be met by an outside agency, Awards For All; however they are likely to require a proportion of the funding to be sourced elsewhere so a Big Community Fund grant, sponsored by local councillors, will be necessary to bringing this much needed inward investment to the village.

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

I fully support this project which will bring a real, lasting benefit to the community but which is unlikely to go ahead if external funding cannot be found. It will provide people, especially those who are unable to afford the time or money to join local gyms, with an opportunity for exercise that has not hitherto been available. By siting the equipment on the sportsfield, it is also likely to encourage people who do not currently participate in organised sport to use the existing facilities, helping the various sports clubs to increase their membership with further benefits to the health and wellbeing of the population. This is exactly the sort of project that Sevenoaks District Council should be supporting because it is totally in accord with our Community Plan in encouraging people to take greater responsibility for their health and wellbeing, and reducing health inequalities by ensuring that all groups have equal access to services, facilities and opportunities.

Signed ...  ..... (sponsoring Local Member)

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

[Redacted Signature]

(Local Member)

CAMERON CLARK

[Redacted Signature]

(Local Member)

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13 Declaration by project delivery organisation:

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Signature [Redacted]

.....Date 19/11/14

PRINT NAME:

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**I confirm that my organisation is committed to equal opportunities**

**Signed (on behalf of the organisation)**

**Designation:**

Administrator

