

Sevenoaks District Council

Big Community Fund

Application form

- 1 **Name of ward: Crockenhill Ward**
- 2 **Name of Member: Colin Dibsdall**
- 3 **Name of delivery organisation: Crockenhill Village Hall Management Committee-registered charity number 302724**

Address of delivery organisation: Crockenhill Village Hall, Stones Cross Road, Crockenhill, Kent BR8 8LT

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

Telephone number of main contact: 01322 662149

- 4 **Description of Project:**
To create a pathway connecting the village hall carpark to the village hall main entrance.
The current access is totally unacceptable for disabled and mother and baby use and the current pathway cannot be extended due to damp course and steps.
The current alternative is to use the access road which is too far away from the hall security lighting and generally during busy drop off times has cars parked along it even though signs are clearly displayed saying not to. The field of vision around parked cars can be difficult and at night, without the benefit of lighting can be hazardous. It is also used by SDC lorries to empty modules and too dangerous to walk along. A child was nearly knocked down recently and two claims were made from people who have fallen down the steps.

- 5 **Total project cost: £4,484.83 + VAT**

How will the money be spent? Removing existing fencing around the enclosed nursery play area, cutting a pathway through grass area, removing earth, edging pathway, providing a pathway surface, resiting the fencing for the enclosed nursery play area, positioning of bollards on the verge to stop parking for health and safety reasons and clearing materials from site.

Contributions from other funders if applicable:

balance of money required will be paid by the Crockenhill Village Hall Management Committee funds.

Amount requested from the SDC Big Community fund:

£ 3,000.00

6 Your community

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

A survey was carried out earlier in the year by the Crockenhill Village Hall Management Committee asking village residents who were regular hirers, how the village hall could be improved for their use. Improved access was one of the things that came back as being needed.

7 What is the need for the project?

The village hall is the hub of the community and is a focal point for the village. It is used every morning by a nursery group for children between the ages of 2 and 5 years old. The village hall is also used by a variety of groups such as the rights of way walkers, Guides and Brownies, W.I, Darby & Jones Club, Line dancing, Craft classes all of which benefit the residents of the village. In April a questionnaire was circulated to regular hirers asking how the village hall could be improved for their use. The village hall carpark is listed as a public carpark and is also used by mothers of the children at the primary school in the same road, residents who use the village shops and church goers as the Parish Church doesn't have its own off road car parking. Creating the pathway should encourage mums to park here for the school making it safer for the children and it is intended to provide a disabled parking space in the near future and the new path will have dropped kerbs to encourage this.

8 Long term benefits

Please comment on the lasting effects of the project:

A safe access regardless of ability, disability or need will have been provided for the residents of Crockenhill. This car park facility is the only one available in the centre of the village. This carpark which is at the rear of the the village hall will connect pedestrians to either the entrance to the hall itself or the road leading to the school, shops or church.

9 The impact of your project

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

From residents feedback, useage and prevention of accidents.

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?

Very little on going maintenance costs as the surface will be tarmac which will be weed sprayed and these costs will be met by the Crockenhill Village Hall Management Committee.

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:

Signed [redacted] (Local Member)

Signed *S.M. Abbott* (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 .. [redacted] Date *14/12/11*

Please remember to include the following documents with your application:

- 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

