

St Austell Town Council



Community Committee

To: All Members of the Community Committee (Councillors: Cohen, Double, Fox, Guest, Kimber, Pearce, Preece, Pears, Rowse, Stephens, Thompson and Young).

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a **Meeting** of the **Community Committee** to be held at **The Registrar's Office, Carlyon Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4LD** on **Monday 26th February 2024 at 6pm.**

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20th February 2024

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Interest

(Purpose: To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other non-registerable interests in respect of items on this agenda).

3. Dispensations

(Purpose: To receive requests for dispensations under the Code of Conduct).

4. Minutes of meeting held 27th November 2023

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(Purpose: To agree that the minutes of the above meeting be signed as a correct record).

5. Matters to Note

A verbal update from the Town Clerk on the actions taken since the last meeting. Note: No decision may be made under this agenda item.

6. Public participation (15 minutes maximum)

The Chairman will invite members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be carried out at the meeting. *15 minutes will be allocated for public participation (this can be extended at the Chairman's discretion). Each person addressing the Council will be allocated a maximum of two minutes.*

7. Mr Gray – A Band of Brothers

(Purpose: To receive a presentation from Mr Gray on the work of A Band of Brothers).

8. Community Network Highways Schemes

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(Purpose: To consider correspondence from Cornwall Council's Highway's Officer for prioritisation and recommendation to the Community Area Partnership). (Correspondence attached).

9. Trewiddle Pedestrian Crossing

(Purpose: To consider a revised pedestrian crossing scheme at Trewiddle). (To follow).

10. Small Grants Scheme

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- Biscovey Youth Football Club
- Cornwall International Male Choral Festival
- Devon & Cornwall Community Watch Association - The Feel Safe Scheme
- Imerys Singers
- St Austell & District Camera Club
- St Austell Library Support Association (SALSA)
- St Austell Town and Youth Band (To follow)
- Stepping Stones Childcare

11. Carlyon Bay Surf Life Saving Club

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(Purpose: To receive an update on Carlyon Bay Surf Life Saving Club and how the Town Council's grant funding has been utilised). (Correspondence attached).

12. CHAOS Radio

**Pages
55 to 56**

(Purpose: To receive an update on CHAOS Radio and how the Town Council's grant funding has been utilised). (Correspondence attached).

13. NALC Dementia Friendly Communities

(Purpose: To consider the NALC publication – Dementia Friendly Communities). (e-mailed separately).

14. Projects Update

(Purpose: To receive a verbal report on the projects currently being worked on). (Verbal update).

15. Dates of Meetings

(Purpose: To confirm date of forthcoming meeting Monday 25th March 2024).

MINUTES of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2023 at The Registrar's Office, Carlyon Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4LD at 6pm.

Present: Councillors: Cohen, Double, Fox, Kimber, Pearce, Preece, Stephens, Thompson (Chair) and Young.

In attendance: David Pooley (Town Clerk) and Sara Gwilliams (Deputy Town Clerk).

Also in attendance: Councillor Hamilton.

CC/23/32) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Guest, Pears and Rowse.

The Clerk explained that Councillors Kimber and Preece are able to attend committee meetings and take part in discussions but not vote on any items until they are formally appointed to a committee(s) at the Council meeting in December.

CC/23/33) Declarations of Interest

None.

CC/23/34) Dispensations

None.

CC/23/35) Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th September 2023

It was noted that on page 5 (St Austell Library) the word "form" should read "from".

It was **RESOLVED** that subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th September 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Councillor Double thanked the Deputy Clerk for the high standard and large volume of minutes consistently produced.

CC/23/36) Matters to Note

The Deputy Town Clerk circulated an update from CHAOS Radio on their Community Radio Development Project. Members expressed their gratitude for this update.

CC/23/37) Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

CC/23/38) Small Grants Scheme

ABC Residents Association

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the ABC Residents Association is hoping to recruit new members to try to keep the Association sustainable. They are keen to provide their annual Christmas Party for pensioners which includes food, a small gift and entertainment.

Members expressed their gratitude for the good work that the Association does for the Boldventure Road and Chapel Field Community.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 towards the cost of the ABC Resident Association's annual Christmas Party.

Carlyon Bay Surf Life Saving Club

Despite the activity being outside of the Town Council's area, Members expressed their strong support for the newly formed Carlyon Bay Surf Life Saving Club and the fantastic opportunity that it provides the residents of St Austell and agreed that a higher sum than requested should be considered. During discussion, Members welcomed the addition of the Town Council's logo on the flags but suggested that evidence of the flags being purchased and the right to claw back the money if no purchase is made as suitable conditions to apply to the grant.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £750 towards the cost of flags for the beach subject to the provision of evidence that the flags have been purchased, the Town Council's logo is added to the flags and a condition placed upon the club that the money could be clawed back in the event that the purchase does not go ahead.

Cornwall Education Learning Trust (Poltair School)

During discussion, Members views were split on whether a grant should be awarded. Disappointment was expressed that the large Academy is unable to fund the full cost of their Christmas activities, but Members acknowledge the high levels of poverty and felt that they did not want the children to miss out. Members agreed that a one off grant should be awarded with conditions.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 subject to making the school aware that it is a one off grant and that a report is provided to confirm how the Town Council's grant was spent.

St Austell Amateur Operatic Society

Members agreed that year on year the Society puts on very professional and popular productions that provide amateur dramatic opportunities and good entertainment for the community. Members noted the costs involved in putting on the production and felt that a higher sum than requested should be awarded.

It was **RESOLVED** that a grant in the sum of £1,000 should be awarded towards the cost of putting on the 2024 production of Guys and Dolls at the Keay Theatre.

Trevarrick Residents Association

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that a number of roads at Trevarrick Road are maintained by a Residents Association and that a request has been received from the Association for funding towards the purchase of salt bins for the area. She added that the Residents Association have been in contact with Cornwall Council about the positioning of the salt bins to ensure that they do not impact adversely on other highways users.

It was **RESOLVED** that a grant in the sum of £250 should be awarded towards the cost of purchasing salt bins for Trevarrick Road.

CC/23/39) CCTV

The Clerk advised that following a recent CCTV equipment upgrade it has become apparent that the Ethernet connection between St Austell and Newquay is no longer sufficient and intermittent issues with pixelation, lagging and slow play back speeds is now regularly causing time consuming operational issues for the operators at the CCTV suite in Newquay. The contractors who maintain the CCTV equipment believe that the issue relates to a lack of bandwidth and BT has been approached for an upgrade of the line from 100MB to 1GB which will provide more bandwidth between the two towns and prevent the issues occurring.

During discussion, Members expressed their gratitude for the operators in Newquay who provide the Newquay and St Austell CCTV monitoring service and supported the upgrade outlined by the Town Clerk.

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Clerk to approve the Ethernet upgrade between St Austell and Newquay from 100MB to 1GB in the sum of £3,750 (one off cost) and £5,793 per annum thereafter.

CC/23/40) Bethel Park

The Town Clerk advised that the exploratory drilling work has been carried out the result of which indicates that there is a mine shaft where the depression was found. The shaft causing the depression is at the edge of the park and away from the play area, but precautionary fencing has been put in place to keep the public safe. The shaft identified needs immediate work in the form of excavation and securing of the mine working by means of a mass concrete plug. The cost of this is estimated to be in the region of £2,154 including plant hire but excluding the cost of the concrete. The cost of concrete is being obtained.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

1. Note the report;
2. Endorse the actions of the Town Clerk carried out under delegated emergency powers;
3. Authorise the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, to negotiate a suitable contract to secure the mine works identified;
4. Review the Town Council's insurance policy to ascertain the potential to claim for the works.

Members expressed their gratitude to the Operations Manager for his diligent park inspections which identified the depression.

CC/23/41) Combined Enabling Agreement – 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2024

The Clerk advised that the Town Council's agreement with Cornwall Council to carry out a number of horticultural activities on their behalf such as grass cutting, roundabout maintenance, flower bed sponsorship, licence to plant and maintain trees and closed churchyard grass cutting expires in March 2024.

He advised that he has requested a meeting with the Community Link Officer and the Highways Officer to start the negotiations and hopes to agree a similar arrangement for a further two to three years.

During discussion, Members praised the Grounds Maintenance Team for the flower displays at Trehiddle roundabout.

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Town Clerk to enter into negotiations with Cornwall Council to secure a suitable Combined Enabling Agreement for the next three years.

CC/23/42) Project Update

Town Centre Regeneration

The Stage 1 report for the proposed roof top garden was received on Friday, a copy of which has been sent to the Chair of the Town Centre Partnership, Councillor Brown and Stage 2 of the project is now underway. A site visit for the Partnership is planned for 4th December 2023. A funding bid has been submitted for masterplanning for church yard improvements. The Town Council is the lead body and will be working with St Austell BID and the Holy Trinity Church. There are a few queries to resolve but the application should be accepted within the next few days. A new funding bid for the banner has been put on hold whilst ownership and pre-planning advice is being sought.

CCTV

Newquay Town Council is working on costings for Truro City Council who are interested in joining the St Austell and Newquay CCTV Partnership. Winter monitoring hours are now in place and the re-deployable camera is now at Lostwood Gardens.

Poltair Park

The bat house is being built and once complete, work will start on the demolition of the toilet block.

The café closed at the end of October and will re-open at the end of January. The current tenant operates under a tenancy at will and has agreed to take on the business rates with effect from 1st April 2024 and hopes to receive business rate relief. The Tenancy will be reviewed after a further year.

Priory Car Park

The car park income remains slightly below budget. The season ticket income is reasonable with a steady flow of regular users. The mobile and web based apps are both working reasonably but might be affected once the contactless card payment system is installed. The machines are on order and should be installed by the financial year end.

Toilets

The contractors who clean and maintain the toilets are excellent and as a result very few complaints are received. The toilet income per annum is approximately £2k and will be discussed during budget time.

Anti-Social Behaviour

A comprehensive report should be received from Cornwall Council early in the New Year with regard to the supported and temporary housing in the town centre. The security guards remain invaluable and work closely with the Police. There have been a few new faces around the town and a small cohort of difficult people. Shop lifting continues to be a problem.

St Austell Library

The library is performing well and has had numerous classes (reading and writing), school visits, support groups and SALSA events over the last few months. The library has a number of volunteers and has agreed a number of work experience places with local schools for summer 2024.

Young People Cornwall

The Deputy Town Clerk is discussing the potential for the Young People Cornwall Steering Group, based at The House to be used as a consultation forum for the town centre revitalisation project.

Grounds Maintenance

1,000 bulbs have been planted on Mount Charles roundabout, 4,500 bulbs on the Field of Hope and the Rotary Club have planted crocuses in the library front garden. The grounds staff are on their winter maintenance schedules which includes foot bridge repairs at Linear Park, playgrounds maintenance replacing swings and chains, hedge cutting and wall repairs. In the last couple of weeks there has been three incidents of fly tipping, two at The Meadows and one next to the football club.

Footpaths

The footpath maintenance is carried out by the grounds team on behalf of Cornwall Council. The paths are closely monitored and are cut according to need which can be 3-4 times a year for some paths.

Weed Spraying

The Town Council employs a contractor to carry out weed spraying across the town 3 times a year. Legislation and guidance is monitored very closely.

Cornwall Council – New Waste Contract

St Austell is in the first phase of the roll out of the new waste contract and containment is currently being distributed across the town. The new collections start in January. Drop-in road shows have been taking place at the Library to publicise the changes and leaflets have been sent out to all households. When the fortnightly waste collection starts, there is the potential for household waste to be dumped in the Town Council's bins. This will be monitored closely.

CC/23/43) To consider excluding the press and public.

It was **RESOLVED** that under Section 1 (ii) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the remainder of the business of the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

CC/23/44) Small Grant Scheme – Non-compliance of funding conditions

The Clerk updated the Committee on the non-compliance with funding conditions and correspondence received from the recipient organisation.

It was **RESOLVED** to write to the recipient organisation to advise that the debt will be written off and that no further funding will be made available to any organisation where the individual who undertook to comply with the funding conditions is involved in either a Director or Managerial capacity.

CC/23/45) Dates of Meetings

It was noted that the next meeting of the Community Committee is scheduled for 26th February 2024.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

St Austell, Mevagissey and Goran – recommendations to the Sub Group (following discussion with Divisional Members on 24/01/24)

Ref	Submitted by:	T/P council	The issue described in the EOI	Comments from the Highways Manager and estimated cost	Outcome
A.	Cornwall Cllr Bunney,	St Mewan	Parking issues outside St Mewan school EOI submitted in the last round, (scheme did not progress), No waiting at any time is already in place outside the school, and a short section of unrestricted parking remains in the area.	There is already an existing 20mph zone, school keep clear, and traffic calming features. Some parking here is beneficial for traffic calming purposes, and the section of unrestricted parking was left purposefully following the last waiting restriction scheme here. Public support for reduction of parking potentially unlikely. Waiting Restrictions and Lining: TRO incl of Design £7k, Works £4,800, Total £11,800	Recommend to the Sub Group
B.	Lesley Pothecary, Clerk,	St Goran	The bus bay located outside of Goran School requires updating plus further parking restrictions to improve road safety, for school children and other road users.	Goran School frontage is currently covered by a bus stop clearway marking. This could be changed to a School Keep Clear markings. Update 08/01/24: Goran School Waiting restrictions and pedestrian safety improvements £21,500 – not affordable Updated 24/01/24 waiting restrictions and bus stop markings only, approx. cost: 9k	Recommend to the Sub Group
C.	Phil Howson, Clerk	Mevagissey	B3273 between Mevagissey and Pentewan, and Old Road between B3273 and Vicarage Hill – reduction of speed limit to 40mph	All A & B road speed limits were assessed around 2012, in line with government guidelines on setting local speed limits. Parish have asked for 40mph, proposal is for 50mph, Highways Manager will explain to the Parish the reason for this. Update 08/01/24: B3273 Tregiskey, reduced speed limit £14,400.	Recommend to the Sub Group
D.	Cornwall Cllr Jordan Rowse	St Austell	6 separate schemes were submitted.	Crossing on Trenowah Road for Wheal Northey surgery (should act as a speeding deterrent too once the waiting restrictions are in) Trenowah Rd crossing point and waiting restrictions, £28,700.	Recommend to the Sub Group
E.	Cornwall Cllrs: Rowse, Double and Pears	St Austell	Request for 3 mobile flashing speed signs Information required in relation to 6–8 rotation sites for each of the devices. This will determine site suitability, and whether new posts are required (new post approx cost £300 each).	Purchase cost for one camera plus maintenance package (supply, installation plus 4 year maintenance: Solar powered approx £19K). Suggest one device to be rotated around the Elected Members preferred sites. Purchase cost: approx £4k per device (will the town council cover ongoing maintenance?)	Recommend to the Sub Group
				Total recommended: £67,900 (Budget = £72,691 (£60,690 + 5% contingency))	

ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – 26th FEBRUARY 2024

SMALL GRANTS SCHEME - APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider funding requests received under the Town Council's Small Grants Scheme.

2. LEGAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The Council has the legal power to grant funding under the General Power of Competence which was formally re-adopted by the Town Council on the 17th May 2021.

3. RESOURCE ISSUES

The Council has earmarked the sum of £8,000 for the small grants scheme in the 2023-24 financial year. To date £7,000 has been awarded leaving a balance of £1,000.

4. EQUALITIES ISSUES

The Small Grants application form asks organisations to demonstrate their commitment to equal opportunities.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The environmental impact for proposed projects will vary for each grant application received.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- (i) Consider and determine whether they wish to support the grant applications received.

Background

The application forms for the funding requested are reproduced with this report. Supporting information for the grant applications (including financial) can be viewed upon request prior to this meeting.

1. Biscovey Youth Football Club

A request has been received from Biscovey Youth Football Club for funding towards a replacement generator.

2. Cornwall International Male Choral Festival

A request has been received from Cornwall International Male Choral Festival for funding towards the Cornwall International Male Choral Festival 2024 St Austell Gala Concert and youth workshops.

3. Devon & Cornwall Community Watch Association

A request has been received from the Devon & Cornwall Community Watch Association for funding towards 'The Feel Safe Scheme'.

4. Imerys Singers

A request has been received from Imerys Singers for the costs associated with room hire, heating and their musical director.

5. St Austell & District Camera Club

A request has been received from St Austell & District Camera Club for funding towards the cost of upgrading their equipment.

6. St Austell Library Support Association (SALSA)

A request has been received from SALSA for funding towards new comfortable chairs in the main library area.

7. St Austell Town and Youth Band

A request has been received from St Austell Town and Youth Band for funding towards the purchase of soft shell jackets for their trip to Cheltenham on 23rd March to perform at the National Youth Brass Band Championships.

8. Stepping Stones Childcare

A request has been received from Stepping Stones Childcare for funding towards the cost of purchasing iPads for their nurseries.

SARA GWILLIAMS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Communication of thanks:

- Carlyon Bay Surf Life Saving Club
- St Austell Amateur Operatic Society
- Trevarrick Residents Association
- Gover Community Larder
- Poltair School

St Austell Town Council



Small Grants Scheme

Application Form

PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	Biscovey Youth Football Club
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No: N/A FA Club Affiliation No: 74011
Are there any Members of St Austell Town Council on your Committee? (if so, please list them)	No
What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?	Biscovey Youth Football Club was established in 2002 and has been providing a safe place for kids between the ages of 5 and 16 in St Austell and the surrounding areas ever since. The club is run solely by volunteers and relies on the goodwill of local businesses and fundraising to maintain the grounds to an FA expected standard.
Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)	Biscovey YFC pride themselves on being a fully inclusive club just as grassroots football should be. Following the success of our first U9's team which was formed this season we now have another U9's team called "The Sharks" and have Ladies and Mens teams. Our aim is to encourage more children to be part of our club with the introduction of "Biscovey Ballers" recently which is for children aged 5/6 along with an all girls offering for which a second open session is being held in 2 weeks time. The club has come a long way in 12 months which will culminate at the end of this season by us hosting our first ever tournament for teams far and wide!

2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	Replacement Generator
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	<p>All resources donated will go solely to buying a replacement generator for which we have been quoted circa £6000. As you can imagine this is a huge amount of money to find for a club of our size. During the winter months we train down at Par Track as it is flood-lit so we already have a fairly big out-going during the winter months so the generator requiring replacement could not of come at a more inconvenient time!</p> <p>The new generator for which we have been quoted is larger than what we currently have been using so we are hoping to install flood lighting for next winter so we won't have an additional winter training cost to contend with!</p>
How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	We currently have 165 registered players at the club who will all benefit from this donation along with their parents/guardians and any visiting teams.
What arrangements do you have in place to ensure safeguarding of children and young people (applicable only if your project involves working with this client group).	All coaches are fully DBS checked along with all committee members undertaking FA Safeguarding Online Courses.

3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	£6,000
Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£250
Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?	No

<p>If “Yes” please indicate:</p> <p>a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose</p>	
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* Should you wish to apply for a grant over £250, the Council may consider a larger grant in exceptional circumstances, but you may be asked to provide a presentation to the Town Council.

Please list any applications you have made for funding from other organisations.

Organisation	Contribution Sought (£)	Applied (please tick as appropriate)	Granted (please tick as appropriate)

4. Further information enclosed

Information	Enclosed (please tick)
A copy of your organisation's most recent bank statement(s) (mandatory)	X
A copy of your constitution (or similar document showing the organisation's status)	
A copy of your organisation's latest set of accounting statements (if any exist)	N/A

5. Publicity

Please explain how you will publicise and acknowledge the Town Council's grant.

<p>SOCIAL MEDIA I.E. FACEBOOK</p>

St Austell Town Council



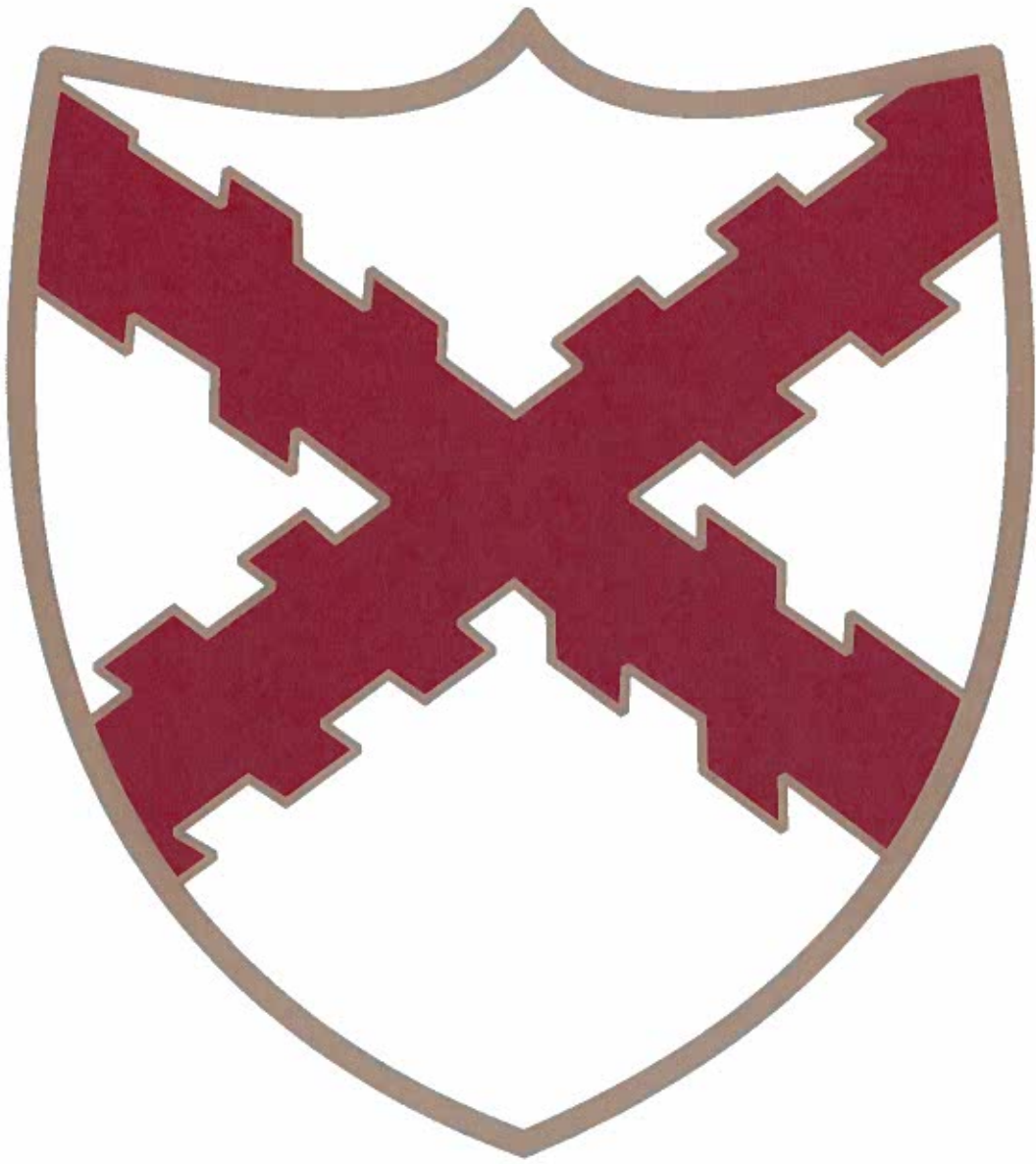
Small Grants Scheme

Application Form

PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	Cornwall International Male Choral Festival
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No: 199924 Company No: 509936
Are there any Members of St Austell Town Council on your Committee? (if so, please list them)	No
What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?	<p>We aim to create the largest and most influential international Male Choir Festival in Britain and Europe in order to maintain and extend male voice singing as an important aspect of Cornwall's cultural heritage;</p> <p>To increase the membership particularly of younger male singers and introduce an educational aspect into the Festival programme to achieve this;</p> <p>To encourage composers in Cornwall, the UK and overseas to write new works for male choirs;</p> <p>To advance, promote, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of male voice singing in all its aspects, particularly, but not exclusively through the holding of an international festival.</p> <p>Male Voice Choir singing is deep in the culture of Cornwall having roots in Methodism, mining, fishing and agriculture. Male voice concerts in St. Austell are always well attended and local male choirs recruit well from the area.</p>



<p>Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)</p>	<p>Whilst we have no formal written policy, we are committed to equal opportunities. We encourage all choirs to join us and have a long history of including a diverse range of backgrounds in the festival.</p> <p>We champion the Male Choral tradition as a musical genre. Music is written in TTBB (Tenor, Tenor, Baritone, Bass) rather than SATB (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and has a unique sound that has been appreciated for generations. We do allow choirs to attend who include female choristers, but our focus is on the TTBB male choral tradition.</p>
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2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

<p>Project title:</p>	<p>Cornwall International Male Choral Festival 2024 St. Austell Gala Concert and youth workshops</p>
<p>Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):</p>	<p>We are a biennial Festival having started in 2003. We are expecting more than 1000 singers from over 40 choirs to take part in some 30 events across Cornwall.</p> <p>As well as over 25 Cornish Choirs, we will have 20 from the rest of the UK, and 5 from abroad including Austria, Sweden and hopefully Ukraine.</p> <p>Mevagissey Male Choir will host a Gala concert in St. John's Church on Saturday 4th May 2024. This will include Dublin Welsh MVC, Weybridge MVC, Taunton Deane MVC and Imerys MVC.</p> <p>We are inviting schools to join us for our Education Outreach events to participate in workshops led by Prague Boys Choir, Svanholm Singers – Sweden and hopefully Shchedryk Choir from Ukraine.</p> <p>The festival operates as a Company Limited by Guarantee and as a Registered Charity, and engages a Festival Director. Our honorary President is Colonel Edward Bolitho. The Trustees / Board members are all volunteers and most take an active role in running part of the Festival operation. We measure our success in audience numbers, youth attendance at workshops and our financial bottom line.</p> <p>Mevagissey Male Choir will host the Gala concert and will provide all the necessary organisation, safety, and security.</p> <p>We hope to sell all the paid tickets at the concert and that will be the immediate indication of our success.</p>
<p>How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):</p>	<p>We have run regional concerts in St. Austell with international choirs since 2003. These have always been well attended.</p> <p>Many of your residents are members of choirs who are performing in at events across that weekend.</p> <p>It is well known that singing in choirs has many health benefits for people of all ages, but particularly the young and the old.</p>
<p>What arrangements do you have in place to ensure safeguarding of children and young people (applicable only if</p>	<p>Most of our choirs are entirely adults.</p> <p>Our Youth Programme is run in conjunction with Cornwall Music Service Trust and complies with all their safeguarding procedures.</p>

your project involves working with this client group).	The boys' choirs have their own management group of adults travelling with them and looking after their safeguarding needs. We actively engage with the venues regarding this.
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3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	<p>Concert Expenses £29,000</p> <p>Competition Expenses £11,500</p> <p>Visiting Choir Support £30,000</p> <p>Marketing & Promotion £16,900</p> <p>Director and Administration <u>£41,400</u></p> <p>Total costs: £128,800</p> <p>St. Austell TC grant will be used as support for visiting youth choirs.</p> <p>Grant funding is a big part of our income and is absolutely vital to us surviving from one festival to the next. Since the last festival the "energy" and now the "cost-of-living" crises have impacted everyone. Particularly significant for the festival has been in increase in the cost of venues hire. We would like to increase our request to £500 to partially offset our increased costs across the entire budget.</p>
Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£250 (We would like to request £500, but note your £250 maximum. We would gratefully accept any amount you might be willing to provide to help us.)
Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?	Yes
If "Yes" please indicate: a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose	In the last 5 years we have received £500. The council has made two awards, 2019 (£250) and 2022 (£250)

* Should you wish to apply for a grant over £250, the Council may consider a larger grant in exceptional circumstances, but you may be asked to provide a presentation to the Town Council.

Please list any applications you have made for funding from other organisations.

Organisation	Contribution Sought (£)	Applied (please tick as appropriate)	Granted (please tick as appropriate)
Cornwall Community Fund	£500	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tanner Phoenix Fund	£4,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Cornish Town Councils	~£7,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

4. Further information enclosed

Information	Enclosed (please tick)
A copy of your organisation's most recent bank statement(s) (mandatory)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A copy of your constitution (or similar document showing the organisation's status)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A copy of your organisation's latest set of accounting statements (if any exist)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

5. Publicity

Please explain how you will publicise and acknowledge the Town Council's grant.

On our website, and in our publicity.

Please return your completed form to:

Sara Gwilliams
Deputy Town Clerk
The Stable Block
Pondhu House
Penwinnick Road, St Austell, PL25 5DP

E-mail: sara.gwilliams@staustell-tc.gov.uk

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Small Grants Scheme

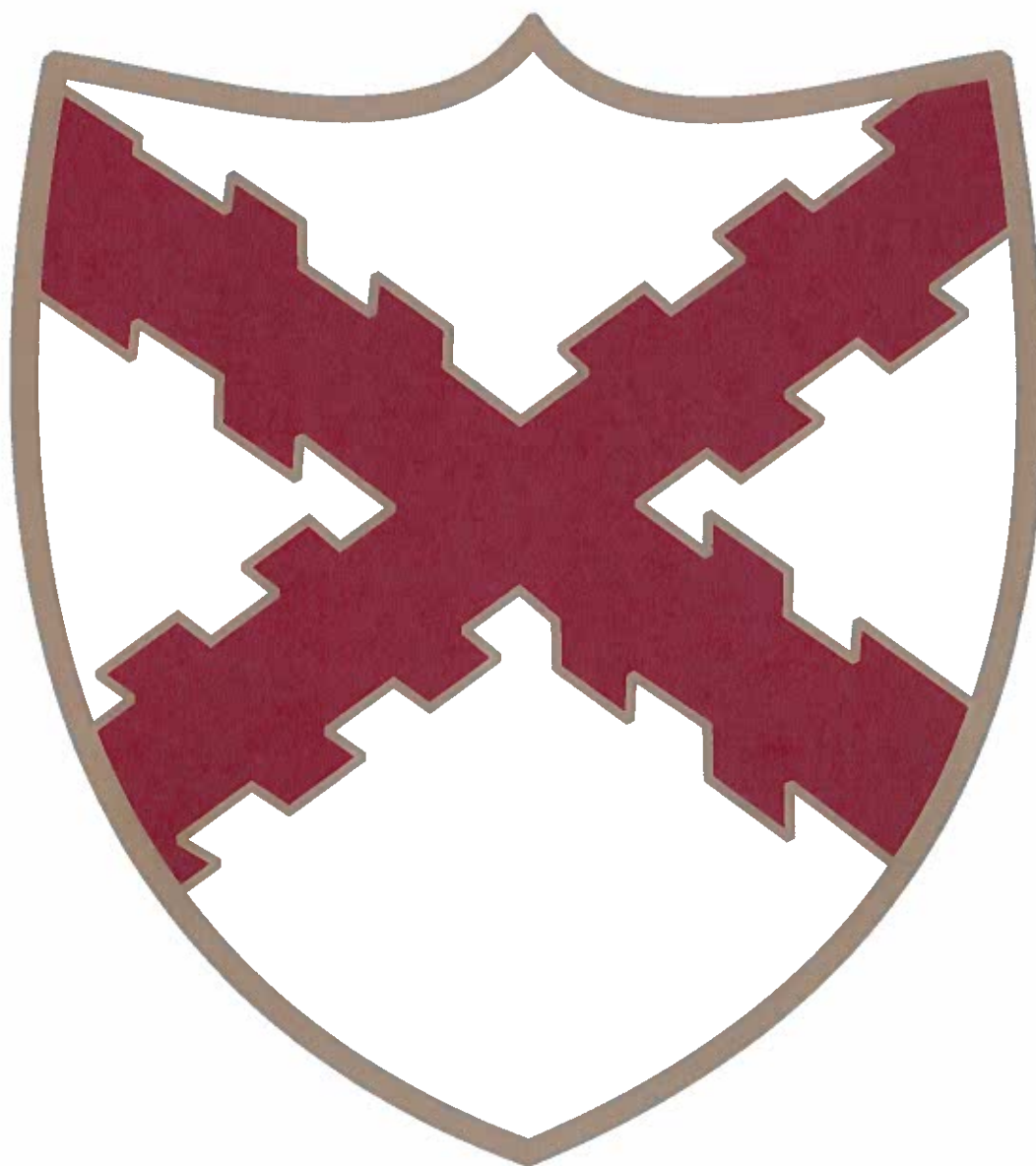
Application Form

PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	THE FEEL SAFE SCHEME Devon and Cornwall Community Watch Association DaCCWA
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No: 1074233 Company No: N/A
Are there any Members of St Austell Town Council on your Committee? (if so, please list them)	NONE
What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?	The DaCCWA Feel Safe Scheme aims to make people feel safer in their own homes, especially anyone who as either become, or is at risk of becoming, a victim of crime and anti-social behaviour.

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Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	THE FEEL SAFE SCHEME
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	<p>The Feel Safe Scheme was implemented in 2021 as a grass roots scheme aimed at providing small actionable help to those that are deemed very venerable in the St Austell area and beyond. And since then, the scheme has developed into a very sought after provision with 75% of referrals coming from town catchment area's such as St Austell and Truro, along with Falmouth, Penzance and Newquay.</p> <p>We are working closely with the local police, the CHAOS group, Social Services and many other agencies providing actionable help to communities and assist those who are vulnerable to feel safer in their own homes, especially anyone who has either become or is at risk of becoming, a victim of crime and anti-social behavior</p> <p>The service is on a referral only basis and all works are undertaken free of charge by insured approved contractors. Types of works we carryout are as follows:</p>
How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitting Security Lights • Changing Locks • Mending a gate or fence • Fitting Window Locks/Spy Holes and Door Chains • We also fit CCTV where required which is linked to their mobile phones. <p>Although mainly small works, these can often be all that it takes to help restore a person's confidence, and bring them peace of mind knowing that the and someone cares.</p> <p>The scheme is going from strength to strength with 80 referrals within the The South West already and more on the waiting list. We aim to fill the gap that is left by other agencies and reduce theft and anti-social behavior within our communities.</p>
What arrangements do you have in place to ensure safeguarding of children and young people (applicable only if your project involves working with this client group).	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SAFEGUARDING POLICY

3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	£3500 PA
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Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£250.00
Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?	NO
If "Yes" please indicate: a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose	N/A

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Please list any applications you have made for funding from other organisations.

Organisation	Contribution Sought (£)	Applied (please tick as appropriate)	Granted (please tick as appropriate)
Chief Constables Offices	£2000	Yes	Yes
Cornwall Council	£500.00	Yes	TBC
Truro City Council	£750.00	Yes	TBC

4. Further information enclosed

Information	Enclosed (please tick)
A copy of your organisation's most recent bank statement(s) (mandatory)	YES
A copy of your constitution (or similar document showing the organisation's status)	YES
A copy of your organisation's latest set of accounting statements (if any exist)	N/A

5. Publicity

Please explain how you will publicise and acknowledge the Town Council's grant.

The Town Councils Grant/Support will be added to the scheme leaflets and any Publicity releases.

Please return your completed form to:

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Deputy Town Clerk
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Devon and Cornwall
Community Watch Association
Feel Safe Scheme



Helping Vulnerable People

The DaCCWA Feel Safe Scheme aims to make people feel safer in their own homes, especially anyone who has either become, or is at risk of becoming, a victim of crime and anti-social behaviour:

Organised by DaCCWA's network of Community Watch Offices based within local Police Stations across Devon and Cornwall, anyone can refer someone they believe would benefit from having small works done to their property to make it safer and more secure.

Small
actionable
help making
big differences
to peoples'
lives.



All works are undertaken free of charge by insured, approved contractors and are funded by supporters of DaCCWA.

How we can help



- 🔧 Fitting a security light, door chain, spy hole or window lock
- 🌿 Cutting back a hedge
- 🔩 Putting a strong bolt on a gate
- 🔑 Changing locks
- 🔧 Mending a gate or fence

Although mainly small works, these can often be all it takes to help restore a person's confidence and bring them peace of mind.

Who can make referrals?

- 👤 Local Neighbourhood Watch
- 👤 Co-ordinators
- 👤 Neighbourhood Policing Teams
- 👤 Local Fire & Rescue Services
- 👤 NHS representatives
- 👤 Social Services
- 👤 Churches
- 👤 Charities and other organisations
- 👤 Families
- 👤 Neighbours
- 👤 Friends

How to make a referral

All referrals need to be submitted by using the Referral Form found on the DaCCWA website, by contacting your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme or one of the DaCCWA Community Watch Offices. All referrals are reviewed by our DaCCWA Feel Safe Scheme team.

www.daccwa.org/feelsafescheme

DaCCWA (Devon and Cornwall Community Watch Association) oversees all types of community watches across Devon and Cornwall including Neighbourhood Watch, Farm Watch, Horse Watch and Boat Watch. Its aim is to inspire communities to be stronger and more resilient.



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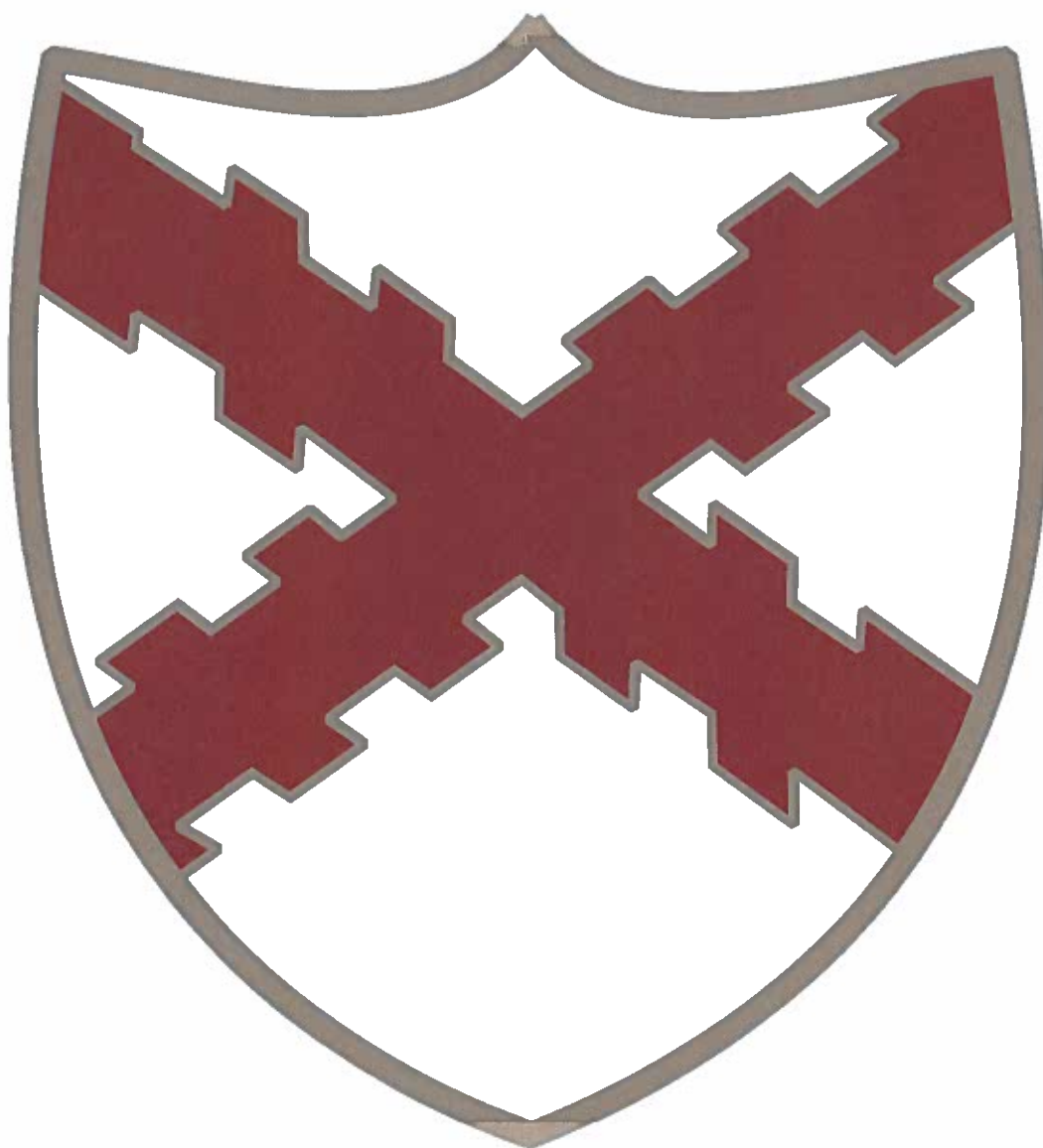
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PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	Imerys Singers
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No: N/A Company No: N/A
Are there any Members of St Austell Town Council on your Committee? (if so, please list them)	NO
What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide live music / choral singing to the community• To support the local Hospice• To enable local ladies to form social networks through singing together within the choir.

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Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)

All ladies are welcome. There is open and welcome access to the choir on a Monday evening. The choir is supportive to all ages and singing abilities.

2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	Imerys Singers – Ongoing support
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	To promote well-being, positive mental health and to reduce loneliness by offering ladies an opportunity to meet up regularly. The choir has been active for many years in Cornwall - it started in 1970 by the English China Clay Company for wives of company employees, given that there were more opportunities for mens choirs at the time. Now any lady is able to join. The Choir remains very proud of their history and achievements over the last 54 yrs. The Choir charges weekly subs to choir members of £4, but with increased costs of room hire / heating and the payment of our accompanist and Musical Director the Choir is struggling to cover costs.
How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	To keep the choir viable so that it is able to continue to support local charities and also be part of concerts supporting wider fundraising / awareness for disasters and crises. The main Charity supported by the Hospice is Cornwall Hospice Care.
What arrangements do you have in place to ensure safeguarding of children and young people (applicable only if your project involves working with this client group).	N/A

3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	£
Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£250.00

Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?	Yes/No
If "Yes" please indicate: a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose	Last year 2023, for the same amount and same supportive reason.

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Please list any applications you have made for funding from other organisations.

Organisation	Contribution Sought (£)	Applied (please tick as appropriate)	Granted (please tick as appropriate)

4. Further information enclosed

Information	Enclosed (please tick)
A copy of your organisation's most recent bank statement(s) (mandatory)	✓
A copy of your constitution (or similar document showing the organisation's status)	/
A copy of your organisation's latest set of accounting statements (if any exist)	/

5. Publicity

Please explain how you will publicise and acknowledge the Town Council's grant.

Facebook / social media. Mention of Town Council support on any printed programmes.

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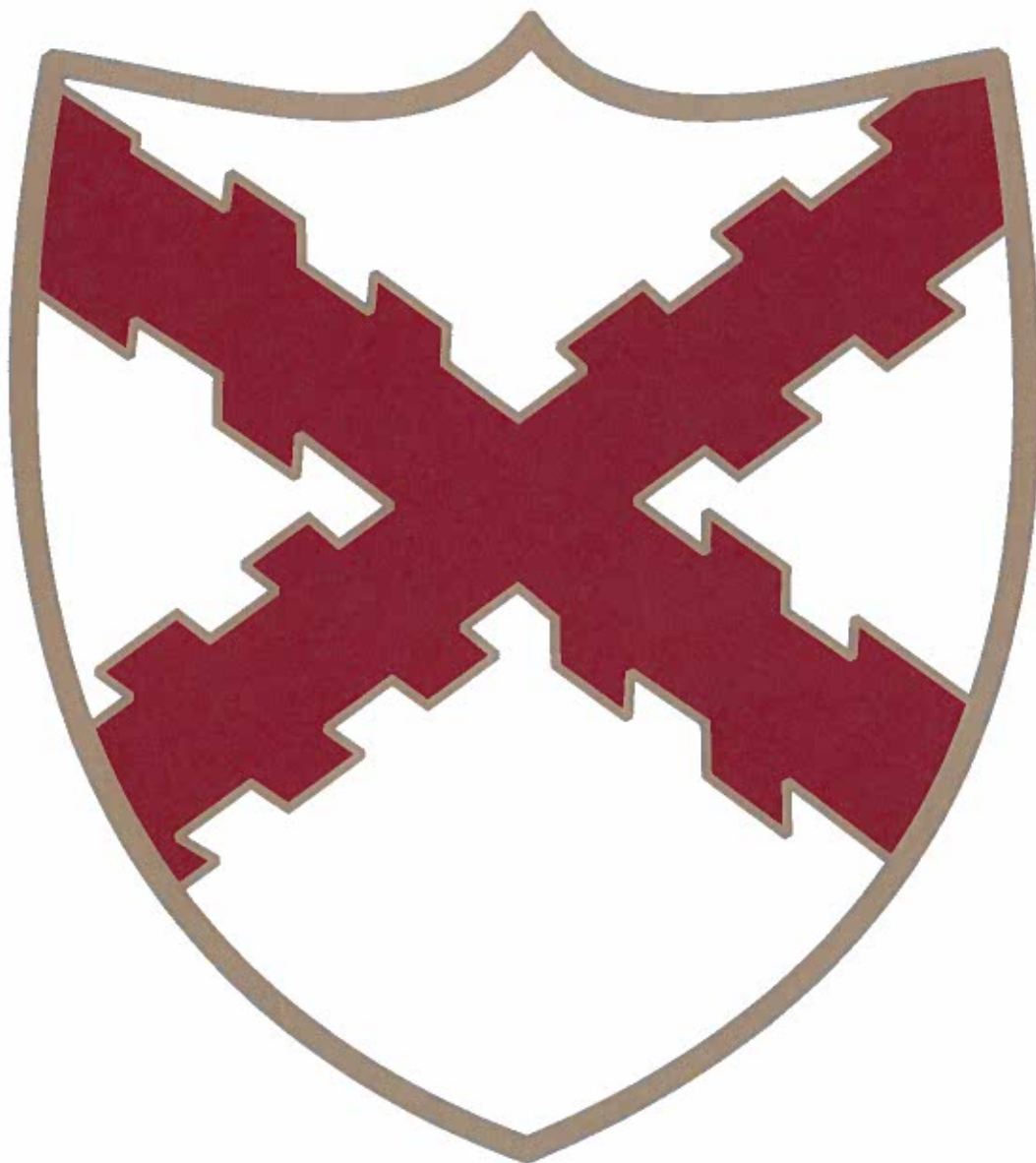
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PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	St Austell and District Camera Club
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No: Company No:
Are there any Members of St Austell Town Council on your Committee? (if so, please list them)	No
What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?	Our members have a wide range of photographic knowledge from absolute beginner through to advanced. We are an inclusive and supportive group, and our objective is to share skills whilst collectively enjoying a shared interest in photography.
Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)	Everyone is welcome and the group represents a diverse cross section of the local community. We promote a democratic environment and members of the club can vote on key decisions.

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2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	Upgrading our equipment
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	<p>We would like to upgrade our laptop and purchase new Exhibition stands to exhibit our prints. Our current club laptop is used to organise and show images during club meetings and to hold club meetings via zoom. The finances for the club are also analysed on the laptop. The current laptop is unsuitable for our current needs as it is old and is taking a long time to load up. We haven't been able to properly use the laptop for club meetings due to its slowness. The processor can no longer keep up with the quality of the images now being received from club members.</p> <p>Please see separate sheet</p> <p>We currently don't have any exhibition stands as our old stands broke and were no longer safe to use. It is important for us to have new exhibition stands to continue with our public exhibitions. This enables our club to be part of the local community. Please see separate sheet.</p>
How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	<p>Having a new laptop will enable us to run up to date image software enabling our members to see their images better. We have in the past put on a summer exhibition at the library in St Austell. Due to our previous stands being unsafe we can no longer do this. We hold print competitions throughout the year and would love to be able to put on more exhibitions for all to see.</p>
What arrangements do you have in place to ensure safeguarding of children and young people (applicable only if your project involves working with this client group).	<p>We try to encourage junior members 14years and over with a parent or guardian present. We have a safeguarding policy on our website. Safeguarding Policy (staustellcameraclub.co.uk)</p>

3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	Laptop £865, Stands £612.92 total £1477.92

Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£1200 which the club will contribute £277.92
Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?	No
If "Yes" please indicate: a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose	

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Please list any applications you have made for funding from other organisations.

Organisation	Contribution Sought (£)	Applied (please tick as appropriate)	Granted (please tick as appropriate)
Imery's	£500	yes	yes
Lottery funding 2006	£5000	yes	yes

4. Further information enclosed

Information	Enclosed (please tick)
A copy of your organisation's most recent bank statement(s) (mandatory)	yes
A copy of your constitution (or similar document showing the organisation's status)	yes
A copy of your organisation's latest set of accounting statements (if any exist)	

5. Publicity

Please explain how you will publicise and acknowledge the Town Council's grant.

We will acknowledge the Town Council on the website as a sponsor and will place a poster on the exhibition stands to acknowledge the Town Council's help. We would share this information with club members on our Facebook Group.

We would love to have one of our photography exhibitions at a Council Office.

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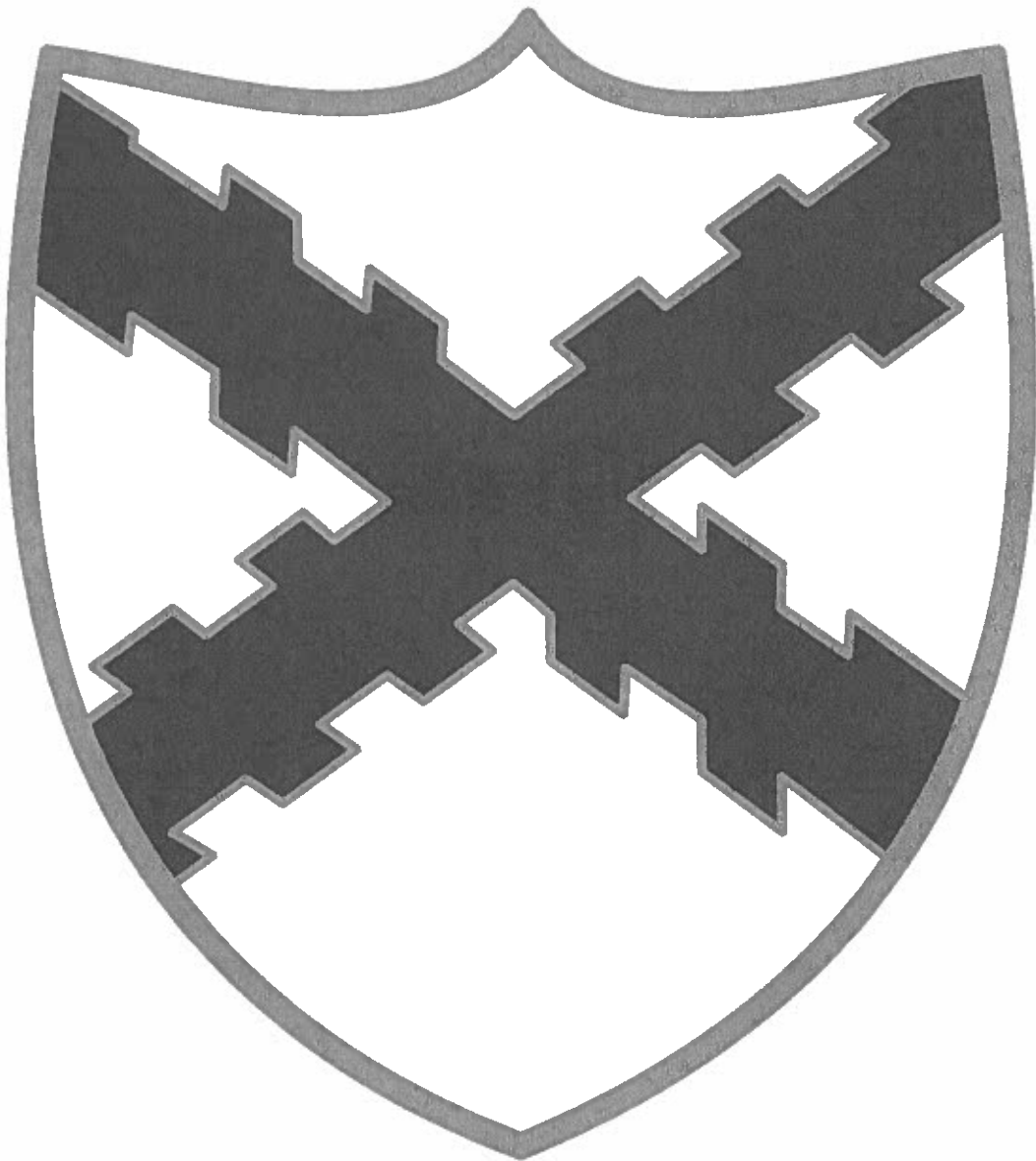
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PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	Salsa St Austell Library Support Association
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No: Company No: n/a
Are there any Members of St Austell Town Council on your Committee? (if so, please list them)	Sara Gwilliams

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2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	Comfy Chairs
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	New seating as chair falling apart
How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	Anyone visiting the library will be able to use in comfort and not worry about a few springs poking up.
What arrangements do you have in place to ensure safeguarding of children and young people (applicable only if your project involves working with this client group).	Library policy

3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	£250
Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£ 250
Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?	Yes/No yes
If "Yes" please indicate: a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose	18/7/12 £250 SALSA start up 5/4/13 £250 community garden 8/7/14 £250 Leaflets 25/6/15 £250 garden 29/6/16 £250 Furniture 29/1/18 Mugs and cooker 13/6/18 There But Not There 22/1/2020 Mural, calendar and Tour of Britain, calendar on hold until 2020, but others events took place under Covid rules.

<p>What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?</p>	<p>To support the library staff and borrowers in arranging events for all ages and of all abilities, events that can be attended by all by either offering free entrance or at a minimal cost, because there is no funding available from CC Library Service apart from staff participation.</p> <p>To help combat isolation, loneliness and isolation in the local community by offering a chance to come and enjoy themselves in a safe, friendly environment.</p> <p>We have hosted talks by local authors, created a community garden for all to enjoy, arranged children's entertainers, musical evenings, workshops for people with dementia, gardening parties for disabled people . Working in partnership with local schools/youth groups to learn how to play musical instruments and creating a book on WWI and developing their artistic skills.</p>
<p>Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)</p>	<p>Town Council & County Council Policies</p>

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Please list any applications you have made for funding from other organisations.

Organisation	Contribution Sought (£)	Applied (please tick as appropriate)	Granted (please tick as appropriate)

4. Further information enclosed

Information	Enclosed (please tick)
A copy of your organisation's most recent bank statement(s) (mandatory)	
A copy of your constitution (or similar document showing the organisation's status)	
A copy of your organisation's latest set of accounting statements (if any exist)	

5. Publicity

Please explain how you will publicise and acknowledge the Town Council's grant.

On our web page, in the library and local media

Please return your completed form to:

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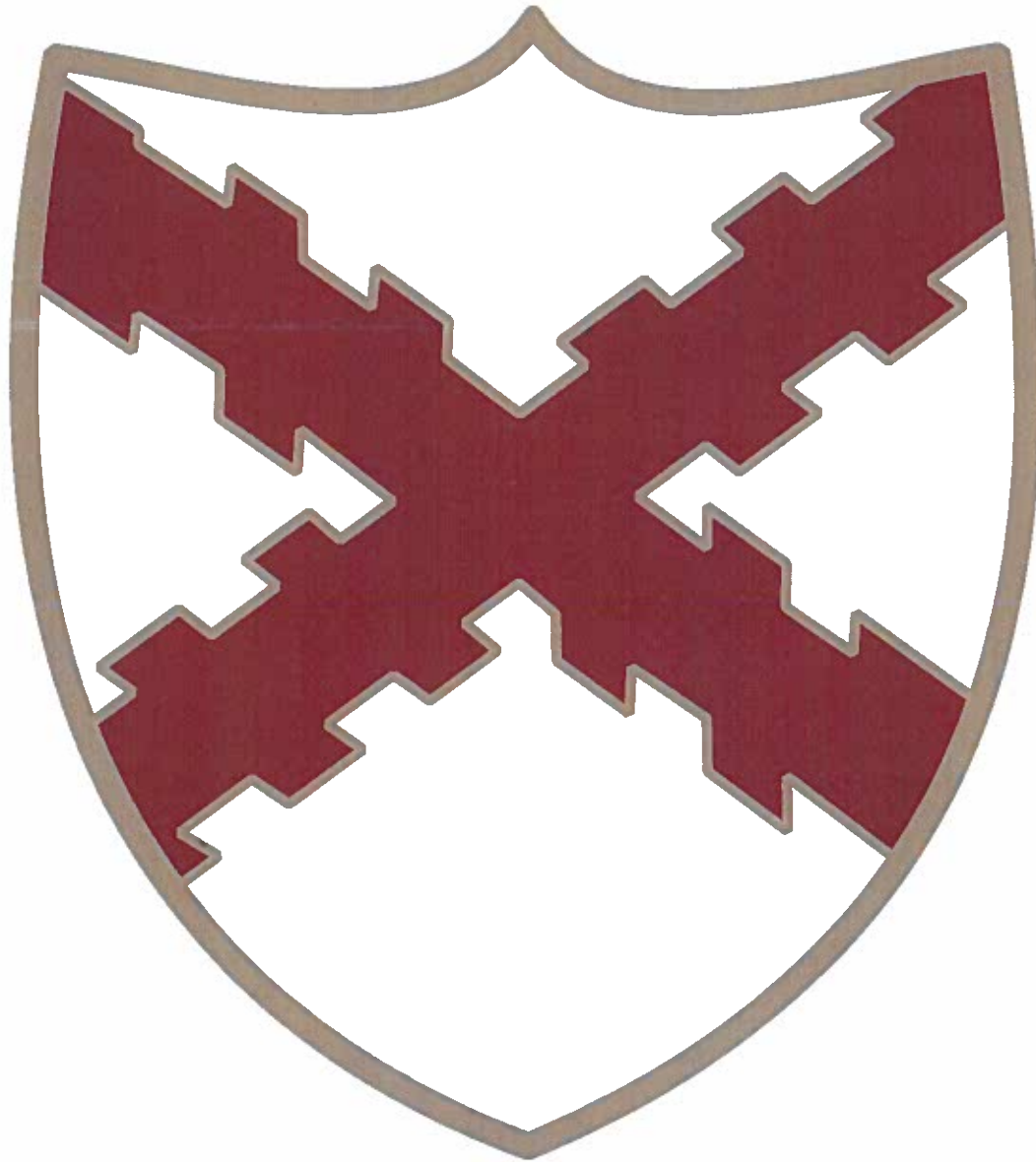
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PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	Stepping Stones Childcare (Cornwall)
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No: 1154205
Are there any Members of St Austell Town Council on your Committee? (if so, please list them)	No

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<p>What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vision Statement</p> <p>Stepping Stones childcare provides a happy, healthy and homely environment where children play and learn.</p> <p><u>Aims and Goals</u></p> <p>Our primary goal is to ensure we provide the highest quality childcare that is accessible, affordable and a place where children enjoy being. We believe it is vital that your children are safe, loved and stimulated in an efficient, well maintained and friendly environment.</p> <p>Above all, we want your children to leave Stepping Stones with the confidence and skills to help them meet the challenges that lie ahead in school and beyond. We passionately believe this has to be a joint effort between ourselves and the parents/carers and will do all we can to enable this to take place.</p> <p>At Scol Kensa we are registered to provide childcare for up to 50 children and at Mount Charles we are registered for 30 children per session. Across the two provisions we are able to offer a variety of sessions including term time or yearly contracts, full day care, pre-school sessions, holiday club and we can accommodate daytime shift patterns.</p> <p>Being a charity, fundraising plays a big part in financing the resources needed to keep up our excellent standards. We are always grateful for offers of help or new ideas to assist in our fundraising efforts.</p>
<p>Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)</p>	<p>Our Equal Opportunities policy is attached.</p>

2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	Technology for play and performance
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	Obtain an Ipad for each setting to enable us to support parents/carers with their child's learning & development and encourage a child's parent/carer partnership. Management will also be using the Ipads for video guidance to support professional development.
How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	We currently have over 100 children attending from the St Austell & surrounding areas and, we believe, enabling children to access technology in an age appropriate manner would benefit every household.
What arrangements do you have in place to ensure safeguarding of children and young people (applicable only if your project involves working with this client group).	I have included our Safeguarding policy and our risk assessment. We also carry out regular fire drills and lock down procedures.

3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	£500.00
Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£500.00
Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?	Yes
If "Yes" please indicate: a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose	31st May 2022 £228.98 Technology in the real world

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Please list any applications you have made for funding from other organisations.

Organisation	Contribution Sought (£)	Applied (please tick as appropriate)	Granted (please tick as appropriate)

4. Further information enclosed

Information	Enclosed (please tick)
A copy of your organisation's most recent bank statement(s) (mandatory)	√
A copy of your constitution (or similar document showing the organisation's status)	√
A copy of your organisation's latest set of accounting statements (if any exist)	√

5. Publicity

Please explain how you will publicise and acknowledge the Town Council's grant.

With written permission from yourselves we would announce it on our facebook pages and thank the Town Council in our newsletter for their support.

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Carlyon Bay Surf Life Saving Club

The flags arrived this week, I have attached an image. We ordered ground anchors with them to make sure they stay put on a windy day.



We decided to use the rest of the money for training - for 6 coaches, a lifeguard and 3 tube rescue awards.

The coach course as delivered by SLSGB is £80 per person and we have put the generous council funding towards training 6 coaches, including 1 young person (16 yrs). The course involves a classroom day covering risk assessment, safeguarding and good coaching practice. When that is complete, the coaches complete 10 probationary hours, shadowed by a level 2 coach. We were lucky to be able to get these coaches on a course at the end of January - they now need to complete their probationary coaching hours. We have started to work this into our pool sessions with probationary coaches set to take the lead for some activities at training on Sunday.

Volunteers opted to do the coaching course for a variety of reasons, including being able to make a positive contribution to their community, spread awareness of beach and sea safety and also to improve their own confidence. All coaches will volunteer with the club and help to deliver fun and engaging sea safety education and training. For a Nipper session of 10 - 15 children we need at least 2 coaches, for adult sessions 1 coach is usually enough.

For the young person particularly, this training will give the opportunity to contribute positively to the community and also to gain experience to use in applications for further education and the DoFE award if she chooses.

We have also opted to fund a lifeguard course. The lifeguard courses are heavily subsidised by SLSGB and are £30 for a 40 hour course + practical beach sessions and swim test. Like coaches, without lifeguards we are unable to run the sessions in the sea. One lifeguard can supervise 10-15 children in the water at a time, depending on conditions. By volunteering for 2 hours a week, this allows up to 30 children to have the benefit of Surf Life Saving sessions. The course is beginning this week with a trainer from Perranporth SLSC and is due to finish mid-May.

It is hoped that lifeguards will be signed off and ready to go after the June half term allowing us to take on more children for sessions before the summer holidays.

Finally, we are going to put the remaining £15 towards Tube rescue courses. Again, these are heavily subsidised by Surf Life Saving GB at £5 per person. This course consists of a classroom session covering beach environment and basic safety considerations and a practical exercise and assessment on the beach. All of our Sandhoppers (5 - 7) and some of our younger nippers (7-8) will need to be accompanied in the sea by a Tube Rescue trained adult - the more of those we can have the better!

I hope this is all ok, if there is anything else you need from us please let us know. If anyone would like to come down to a beach session when we are back outside and see what we get up to, you would be very welcome!

CHAOS Radio - update

CHAOS Radio (formally Radio St Austell Bay) continues to go from strength to strength.

The CHAOS Group have invested in new transmission equipment and the relocation of our transmitter site from St Austell Rugby Club to St Austell Print Company. We continue to improve the studio facilities at High Cross Street (within the CN4C building) along with an updated volunteer training programme and the recruitment of two full time roles – a weekday Breakfast presenter and an in-house community journalist.

Last year we successfully attended 10 outside broadcasts across our coverage area, including the 3 main Saturdays on the run up to Christmas at White River Place. This year's diary looks even busier with various events across St Austell and the surrounding area already in the diary.

We're incredibly proud of how our community news service is developing. We've made it our mission to showcase and bring to light the positive stories taking place across our town. Some recent local charities and community projects who have benefited from our press coverage include Clay County Cat Care, St Austell Players, St Austell Repair Café, CN4C, A Band of Brothers (Male Mental Health Support Group), Sam Houston (fundraising for Cornwall Air Ambulance) and various projects at The Eden Project.

With sports in mind, we've been busy building relationships and coverage from our local football clubs. Regular updates from AFC St Austell, Sticker FC and St Blazey AFC can be heard across the station and on our social pages.

A weekly highlight show of our favourite local news stories and interviews is also available from midday on Saturday, both on air and as a podcast - simply search for NEWSWAVE.

Thanks to funding from St Austell Town Council, we have purchased additional recording equipment and uniform for our volunteers, specifically those who have recently joined to learn and be upskilled in the field of community journalism.

I'm pleased to say we continue to build relationships with BID, White River Place, CN4C, Treverbyn Hall, Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service, Devon & Cornwall Police, Cornwall Council, St Austell Health Care and various departments across the health and social care system.

Although we are unable to provide accurate listening figures for our FM audience, we have seen strong interaction through social media engagement and messages coming into the studio. Online, across our mobile app and smart speaker audience, we are currently tracking 45,000 unique listeners a month. Our current monthly Facebook reach averages around 150,000 users.

A little word on the future. The team continue to work closely with OFCOM to improve area coverage. We'll continue to work on building our credibility as a trusted news source, whilst recruiting more volunteers to bring a wide range of programming and voices to the platform. We're actively looking to partner more with local businesses to offer sponsorship and advertising opportunities, however we are very aware the financial climate is more challenging now than it ever has been for small businesses. We plan to offer a more affordable "full service" sponsorship package that includes on air, social media and video production – making these services both affordable and within reach of local business.

Thank you for the continued support.

