



BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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GRANTS FOR PROJECTS TO REDUCE LONELINESS AND ISOLATION

INTRODUCTION

Braunstone Town Mayor 2023/2024, Tracey Shepherd, raised over £2000 in her Mayoral year to tackle loneliness and isolation. Some of the funding will be utilised to support two newly established Chatty Cafes at Gilly's Sandwich Bar and the Civic Community Lounge at Braunstone Civic Centre. The remaining funds will be available for community initiatives in Braunstone Town and Thorpe Astley, where the aims of the project or initiative is:

- **To reduce loneliness and isolation of residents in Braunstone Town or Thorpe Astley**
- **To help set up further Chatty Cafés in Braunstone Town and Thorpe Astley**

APPLICATION CRITERIA

- Grant applications are invited from non-profit making organisations or social enterprises
- Grants are awarded to a project/initiative (not to an individual)
- Grant applications will only be considered from groups whose activities benefit Braunstone Town and/or Thorpe Astley residents
- Grants may be used to pay for set up costs, registration, training, venue costs, transport costs, stationary, advertising, materials, stock for resale (provided the resale monies go towards to project and initiative).
- A breakdown of costs will be required for each item in your application
- Funding may be full or part cost of the event or project. The final decision on the amount of the grant is at the discretion of the Community Development Committee.
- Where a significant number of the group's members are not residents of Braunstone Parish, the Council reserves the right to reduce the maximum grant available

- Grants up to a maximum of £500 can be applied for each project
- Please specify a specific amount for your grant – if you do not specify a figure the application may be refused
- Applications cannot be considered for activities which have already taken place or have started at the time the application is made
- A copy of the most recent Bank Statement and previous year's audited accounts will be required. In the case of new groups, a budget indicating expected annual income and expenditure can be provided.
- A copy of the group's/organisation's constitution will be required