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# Hetton Town Council



## Grant Award Application Form

This application form relates to requests for funding to be considered from the 2020 - 2021 Town Council budget and should be read in conjunction with the Grant Award Policy.

Please read the Policy document before completing and submitting your application.

The completed application together with the necessary supporting documentation should be returned to the Town Clerk **no later than noon on Thursday 4 March 2021.**

Please complete all sections electronically or in black ink.

**Name of organisation: East Rainton Community Group**

**Contact name and position in organisation: David Martyn (Chair)**

**Address for correspondence:**

**East Rainton Community Group**

[Redacted address]

**Tel No:**

[Redacted telephone number]

**Email:**

**Type of organisation: (Not for Profit) Community Group**

**Brief description of organisational aims and activities:**

The aim of the East Rainton Community Group is to support community-based activities aimed at promoting community cohesion and reduce anti-social behaviour within East Rainton village and surrounding areas.

To support sports and exercise groups, to promote health among the community and promote such activities to reduce loneliness and improve mental well-being amongst members of the community.

To actively promote the group within the local community and provide all its services and in a way that is fair and inclusive to everyone regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, nationality, religion or other beliefs.

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### Your application:

#### Under which of the Town Council's eligibility criteria are you applying?

Providing a service;  
Enhancing the quality of life;  
Improving the environment;  
Community cohesion and engagement;  
Promoting Hetton, Easington Lane, Moorsley and East Rainton

#### Please provide details of how your application will meet the criterion:

We would like to make an application this year to support the development of a "Green Fingers Group". We believe that the appetite is there among villagers to get out and meet their neighbours and share knowledge and experiences building upon the community cohesion and engagement. With a longterm aim to secure a community allotment within the current East Rainton allotment site where members can eventually grow their own produce and make it a place for outdoor activities. We would like to support the purchase and delivery of compost, seeds and trays to members of East Rainton who would like to join in the community green fingers group. The hope is to generate engagement off and online within the East Rainton Community Facebook group, which now has over 700 members, and which will hopefully continue to grow particularly when the Covid 19 lockdown eases.

We would like to progress a couple of initial ideas to run within the community such as a "sunflower competition" and then a "pumpkin competition" which will run throughout the year and into Autumn. The hope is that once the group is established we will be able to improve the local area by planting up and helping to maintain the village. We hope that getting residents of all age groups involved in such a scheme will help them to take pride in the area they live and to make longterm lasting relationships with their neighbours, encourage outdoor engagement and exercise and in-turn enhancing their quality of life.

#### What level of financial support is being sought:

##### (Maximum award is a single payment of up to £500.00 / annum)

We would like to apply for the full fund of £500 to enable us to reach as many people as possible. With a budding group of volunteers who are also willing to promote the green fingers group throughout the village, and distribute information to those interested. We feel this will have such a positive impact on the local community and help improve peoples' mental and physical health as we exit lock down creating encouragement and a willingness to get involved.

#### Tell us about the proposed project, initiative or activity:

**(This information should provide a description and include details about why it is needed, who it will benefit, start and end dates, total cost and success criteria)**

We met as a community before the covid 19 pandemic and lots of people from the village said they really needed a central community group to help co-ordinate group community activities because anything they tried to set up in the past failed. We set the group up with elected members to oversee and orgainse community events. Despite restrictions the group have been able to meet remotely via Zoom and use the East Rainton Community group Facebook group to communicate and maintain engagement. We have been hugely successful in our 1st year delivering numerous support plans to vulnerable people and those most in need in our community. We have created links with the school and other community organizations and local businesses across the coalfields area to ensure that we don't duplicate service and ensure best value for money is achieved.

The Green Fingers Group will encourage engagement and participation from all areas of the community regardless of age or ability. We know the lock down has made people feel more isolated and we aim to reduce this by encouraging community spirit and activities. The group will ensure that we continue to meet our aims and objectives to support our local community. We aim to start the activity in mid march 2021 and run it all summer long until Autumn 2021. We hope that once we bring people together the group will continue to grow stronger and continue to support the village as a whole. We strongly believe that with £500 we can create a lasting group that will bring real benefit not just to its members but to the village as a whole over time enhancing quality of life, improving the environment and improving community cohesion and engagement.

#### Supporting documents required:

Current bank statement  
Copy of previous year's accounts  
(newly formed organisations should supply details of year 1 financial projections)  
Copy of constitution  
Copy of estimates / quotations received (if applicable)

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### Declaration:

I declare that I have the necessary authorisation from  
East Rainton Community Group ..... (name of applicant organisation) to submit  
this application and the information provided is correct.

Name: David Martyn

Position in organisation: Chair

Signed: 

Date: 03/03/21

If your award application is successful, to whom should the cheque be made payable  
and where should it be sent?

Payable to: East Rainton Community Group

East Rainton Community Group  
Brown Gables, North Steet, East Rainton,  
DH59QF

On completion, please email this form and supporting documents to:

[townclerk@hettontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@hettontowncouncil.gov.uk)

or post to:

Town Clerk, Hetton Town Council, Hetton Centre, Welfare Road, Hetton le Hole, DH5 9NE.

**Should you have any queries about completion of this form or require a  
Word format version, please contact the Town Clerk on 0191 561 6600 or  
0753 867 3657 (please leave a message if no answer).**

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