

Alton Society - Grants Policy

The Alton Society has a limited amount of funding which it makes available for the award of small grants within the community. The policy is set out below.

Scope of grants

Grants can be awarded for any purpose that is seen to further the aims of the Alton Society ie to support and improve the environment and thus the lives of people living within Alton and the surrounding countryside. The full aims are set out below.

Some examples of the areas where the Alton Society will consider awarding grants are:

- support to develop an enhanced community
- projects that improve the quality of life for local citizens
- equipment that will benefit the community
- services that benefit the community
- social inclusion
- grass roots capability building of an organisation that is aiming to support the community
- fundraising appeals where they support the aims of the Alton Society

The Alton Society will consider grants for any of the following:

- One-off grants for either specific new projects, or for projects that require a financial injection to protect their on-going sustainability.
- seed corn funding to get new community initiatives off the ground

What the Alton Society won't fund

- political parties
- religious organisations, unless the application is to provide non-religious services to the community
- services that are the responsibility of the statutory sector to fund or provide
- services that take place out of the area (not within Alton Town or its adjoining parishes)

- medical research
- animal welfare
- funding for major capital appeals or items
- retrospective requests

Amount of grants

The Management Committee determines the amount of funding available for grants each year. They have the discretion to increase or decrease the amount available for grants. They have no statutory funding and the grant funds arise from legacies and donations.

Grants will be available up to a maximum of £250. The Management Committee will consider awarding larger grants in exceptional circumstances.

Application process

Organisations can apply for a grant using the attached application form.

This should be sent to The Alton Society 76 Victoria Road Alton GU34 2DE. The Community Group will review the application and make a recommendation to the Management Committee. The aim is to reach a decision within 8 weeks of receiving an application.

Any queries or further information can be obtained from: Bob Booker on 01420 83570

Aims of the Alton Society

The aim of the Society is to improve Alton and its environment by:

- (i) stimulating interest in the past, present and future of Alton and district;
- (ii) working for the preservation and enhancement of local features of particular historical, cultural or aesthetic importance;
- (iii) promoting and encouraging the rational and appropriate development of the Alton area and its amenities;
- (iv) acting as a focus for obtaining and giving relevant information and advice and to provide a forum for public discussion;
- (v) representing and advancing the views of the Society on the said matters to the authorities concerned as well as to the wider community.