



REPORTS FOR

SMALL &

LARGE GRANTS

AWARDED IN MARCH AND
SEPTEMBER 2023

Small Grants awarded in March 2023	
Age UK H&W	£500
1 st Malvern Scout Group	£446
Total	£946
Large Grants awarded in March 2023	
Friends of Madresfield School	£2,500
Barnards Green Cricket Club	£2,500
1 st Malvern Boys Brigade	£1,400
Total	£6,400
Small Grants awarded in September 2023	
Engage Malvern	£500.00
Everybody Dance	£500.00
Zest for Life	£487.86
Total	£1487.86
Large Grants awarded in September 2023	
Malvern Men's Shed	£1,800.00
Malvern RFC	£1,250.00
Malvern Theatre Players	£990.00
WMYDMYB	£1,960.00
Total	£6,000.00

11/4/2024

Dear Louise Wall and Malvern Town Council,

I am writing to you, a brief report of how your funding supported the Gay Women's Group. The Gay Women's Group started in April 2023; on the first session we reached 12 people! Which was a huge success. Since then, they have become a group of over 20 people, created a What's App group and have continued to meet every other week at a local Malvern community hub. The original mission statement for the group was:

"We want to form a safe, friendly, and welcoming community for older gay women who would like to make new friends and feel supported. We understand there are sometimes issues i.e., isolation and loneliness particularly in the gay community as we get older and we can address this through meetings, sharing life experiences and hobbies etc."
Mission statement from a lead volunteer and member.

...and the group has done exactly that. They have made friends and formed smaller friendship groups that have gone on to meet up outside of the group.

We have supported the group and attended both Malvern Pride and Worcester Pride and walked in the Worcester Pride Procession. We had an article in the Malvern Gazette.



Photos Left to right: Pride procession and signs, poster, Pride table layout, walking in the Pride procession.

One of our aims as an organisation is to continuing to grow and develop, as is the group. They are just now starting to meet once a month, whilst the lead volunteer takes a step back to set up a second group, open to anyone who identifies as LGBTQIA+, which will be based in Ledbury.

"As you get older your life does change, but that desire for friendship and companionship never changes. Nobody wants to be alone with no one to talk to. What I hope for myself and for the group is to create long-lasting friendships so that people can really get to know and support each other, and I feel that it's happening here." **Lead Volunteer**

With your support, our services not only impacted the lives of our beneficiaries but also those close to them; creating new opportunities for communities to come and work together, making a real difference to people's lives.

Many thanks again and kind regards,

**Carley, Social Inclusion and Wellbeing Activities Co-ordinator
Age UK Herefordshire and Worcestershire**

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1st Malvern Scouts

Please find attached some pictures showing our scouts using the firetables that were bought using the grant money from March last year. The tables were built for us by a local blacksmith, Boyd Walton who donated his time for free and they enable the scouts to build fires throughout the year as they are not trying to light them on the cold wet ground. The tables also prevent our grassed area from becoming damaged and they also reduce the risks associated with fires by raising the fires up and allowing access from the side, not having hair, faces and hands coming in from the top. Although heavy, the scouts can lift and move them around easily between two enabling them to use the whole grounds of our hut.

The tables were first used at the Armed Forces day in 2023 and have been in use by our 3 sections, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts almost weekly since introducing them to the science of fires, fire safety and also cooking outdoors over an open flame from simple marshmallows on sticks to two course meals without using any utensils, only foil and hand-made skewers,

We would like to thank the Town Council for giving us the grant and enhancing the activities we can provide to children from 6-14 years at 1st Malvern Scout Group .

Yours,

Jonathan Webster

Scout Leader







Madresfield C.E. Primary School

Ignite Illuminate Inspire

"God's word is a lamp to guide our feet and a light for our path".



Malvern Town Council Large Grant £2500

Malvern Town Council granted Madresfield CE Primary School £2500 which was used to redevelop the schools Outdoor Learning/Gardening area. The funding was used to replace old raised beds ensuring the planting areas are safe, accessible and fit for purpose for many years to come. Alongside the new raised beds the grant has paid for new tools, plants, fruit trees and vegetables which supports both the school curriculum, the after-school Gardening Club and also enables interventions for individuals and groups of children to support their wellbeing and mental health.

Madresfield CE Primary School has a high proportion of children who are in receipt of free school meals (28%) and pupil premium (36%). The gardening area enables them to experience the food growing cycle, provides numerous learning opportunities and it has inspired our childrens passion for gardening and outdoor learning.



The development of the outdoor learning area has also been supported by the volunteers from the Colwall Orchard Project who have re-laid the hedge. Children from all classes have been actively involved in planting the daffodil bed, sensory bed and edible herb bed. They have also sown micro-greens for an Anglo-Saxon feast and developed practical skills by making cloches to protect the strawberries from the cold weather, sieving the compost, learning about taking cuttings and the safe use of gardening tools such as secateurs.



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Members of the Madresfield CE Primary School Junior Leadership Team have written their views.

James - "Having the vegetable beds mean that now gardening club is more fun, thank you."

Frankie - "Thank you for the difference you have made we are very thankful the vegetable beds will help us have fun gardening and help us to grow as a school"

Alexis - "We are grateful for the money you gave to us it has helped our school grow"

The school will continue to enhance the Outdoor Learning/Gardening area as part of ongoing improvement plans and the school is grateful to Malvern Town Council for enabling the project to go ahead and the benefits it will bring to the children for many years.

Report dated: 11th April 2024



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Madresfield Church of England Primary School, 40 Madresfield Village, Madresfield, Malvern, WR13 5AA

End of Project Report

Barnards Green Cricket Club, Practice Facilities Refurbishment

Project Location Barnards Green Cricket Club, North End Lane

Project Objectives: Refurbishment of deteriorated practice facilities to provide capacity for junior and senior members.

Project Cost: £5958

Malvern Town Council Large Grant: £2500

Funding from BGCC: £3458

Contractor: Total-play Ltd

Project delivery:

The work was carried out in May 2023, which enable the practice facilities to be used for the majority of the cricket season. The work went as planned, with the carpets and underlying shock pads lifted, the sub surface was agitated, levelled and compacted, and the shock pads and carpets relayed.

As part of the project additional practice capacity was also provided with replacement of the mobile batting cage that had become unusable due to health and safety issues.

Project outcomes:

Throughout the 2023 season the club was able to provide high quality facilities that supported players of all ages to practice in a safe environment.

In a sport that uses a hard ball it is particularly important that surfaces provide for predictable bounce and that players are segregated by netting to avoid the risk of being struck by a ball from players practicing adjacently.

The facilities were used by approximately 120 club members of all ages. We were also pleased to host Worcestershire junior age groups who used Barnards Green for several training days.

Ongoing Maintenance:

The club continues to carry out ongoing maintenance to maximise the quality and life of the facilities.



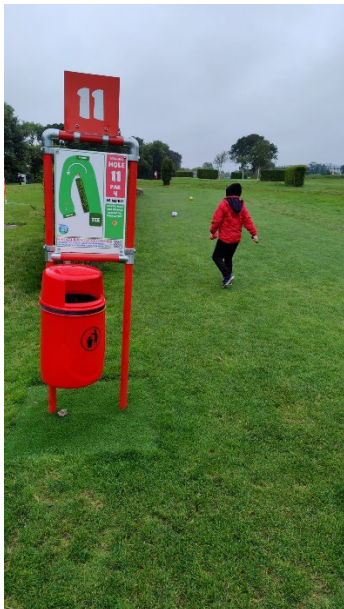
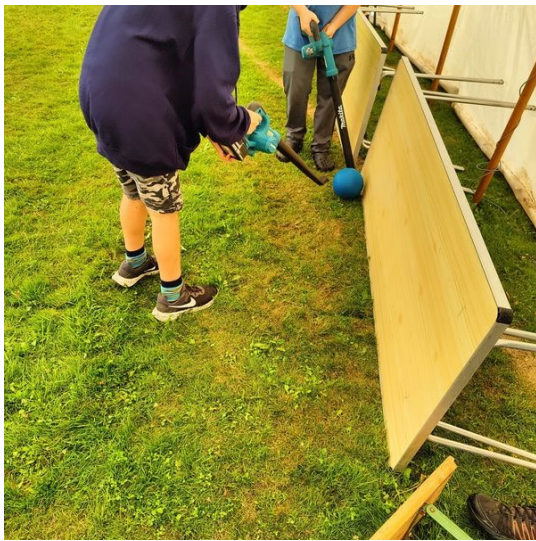
Report from 1st Malvern Boys Brigade on Large Grant

As a result of the grant given by Malvern Town Council last year, 1st Malvern Boys Brigade company were able to support one child fully and subsidise a number of other children on residential activities over the year.

We took two boys to an activity centre in Newent for the Junior Camp in May, where they enjoyed archery, an adventure playground, go-karts, laser tag and a day out at West Midlands Safari Park. For one boy this was the first time he had been able to go on a residential trip.



In July three boys attended the Company Camp near Plymouth. Despite some very murky weather, the leaders arranged blow football, indoor tug of war, foot golf and a trip to Aqua Park



Finally in October, we took six children on a tour of Scotland with the band. This enabled them to learn more about Boys Brigade heritage. They also toured with companies from Croyden, Sawston, Haslington, Manchester and local Scottish companies. They played in Glasgow, Stirling, Edinburgh and Thirsk (birthplace of founder of Boys Brigade). They also benefitted from tuition over the tour, which was put to good use on Remembrance Sunday, for the town.

We were in the process of merging with 7th Malvern Girls Brigade, so members of that company also benefitted from the grant. Because we had the grant it meant that a couple of the children did not have to choose whether to do the tour or camp, and could do both.

A video of the performance in Edinburgh is at <https://youtube/S43e5wZSeWQ?feature=shared>



MALVERN FESTIVAL OF IDEAS 2024



“It was a joy to be at the festival.”

“It was lovely to be part of such a warm and inspiring event.”

“It was like a feast of good things. Fabulous”

“Eye opening, Entertaining, Enlightening, Captivating, Emotional, Motivational. It was fantastic, well done everyone”

The Malvern Festival of Ideas took place over the weekend of 1-3 March 2024. Entitled, *Telling Tales*, it was opened by Chris Packham on the Friday evening and continued throughout Saturday and Sunday featuring speakers telling their own story or the story of other groups and individuals.

Purpose of grant

This grant application is focussed on the equipment necessary to deliver our branding approach. This includes Festival Flags, Stage Branding, Signage, Banners, Backdrops, Posters and Print. (from the application).

What was done

Stage branding and all-weather banners were produced. These can be used from year-to-year. Festival brochures were printed.



Figure 1 (left to right): stage branding; Chris Packham; Remi Adekoya; Peter Chand

Benefit

From our application	Comment
Opportunities to engage with students and schools; this is already a big part of what we do, however, we see the opportunities for students to engage in Festival planning and commissioning and to tailor content to priorities within the educational curriculum	This year, there was a programme for schools. This included sessions with the children’s author, Onjali Rauf, as well as sessions catering for secondary school-age children.
As we take The Festival online and develop its branding and presence, we will contribute to social cohesion and a sense of local pride. Other towns do not have a Festival of Ideas; Malvern does	Feedback from participants was very positive in this regard.
Careful speaker selection will enable us to tailor and deliver annual programmes that contribute positively to community debate around local priorities	Some of the sessions (e.g. the ones by Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, Kate Evans and Liz Johnson) linked with local groups. There was also a wider representation of the local community at the stands.
Also, we see The Festival as a contributor to tourism. We provide a unique offer that attracts, additional tourists, adding both social and financial benefit to the town and the economy	Although people travelled from as far away as Kent, we realise that we could do better in promoting the Festival further afield and will be examining this in the coming year.
Commitment to the social value of ensuring increases in low-income attendance	We obtained a grant to provide free/subsidised tickets for students and those on low incomes

Tea Dance Project

Interim Report

Tea Dances is a cross-generational, participatory project for elders living with dementia and long-term health issues alongside carers and young people.

The project comprises dementia information sessions and tea dance events. It is proactive in supporting and encouraging social and creative interaction between all these people.

EVERYBODY DANCE has been working with The Cube Youth Café to plan and run two events during the Easter holiday.

This will be followed by a series of training and cross-generational social events with students at The Chase VI Form.



Cube Social with bingo (34 people aged 3 to 70 years)

Project activities

Date	Organisation	Activity to promote the project	Nos
Activities to date			
11/01/2024	Malvern Youth Club	Planning meeting	3
08/02/2024	AGE UK	Meeting and project promotion	2
01/03/2024	Cartwright Court	Talking with staff and residents	3
01/03/2024	Elgar Court	Talking with staff and residents	3

01/03/2024	Windsor Court	Talking with staff and residents	2
01/03/2024	Friends of the Elderly Day	Talking with staff and residents	2
01/03/2024	Davenham	Talking with staff and residents	3
01/03/2024	Perrins House	Talking with staff and residents	3
01/03/2024	Bradbury Court	Talking with staff and residents	3
05/03/2024	Malvern Meeting Centre	Talking with staff and members	9
06/03/2024	Barnards Green Dementia café	Talking with staff and residents	3
06/03/2024	Chase School	Planning meeting with Head of VI	2
07/03/2024	Colwell Dementia Café	Dance session with elders	42
07/03/2024	Social Prescribers	Talking with staff	3
12/03/2024	Malvern Youth Club	Planning meeting	3
28/03/2024	Cartwright Court	Talking with staff	3
28/03/2024	Cube social with bingo	Public event	34
Total participants			123
Future activities			
02/04/2024	Youth club workshop	Dementia friends & dance session	
04/04/2024	Youth club workshop	Health and safety and dance session	
04/04/2024	Tea Party	Public event	
TBC	Chase School workshops	Dementia friends & dance session	
28/06/2024	Tea Party	Public event	
28/07/24	Tea Party	Public event	
25/08/24	Tea Party	Public event	
27/09/2024	Tea Party	Public event	
25/10/2024	Tea Party	Public event	
Ongoing	Students and young people	Evaluation	

Additional funding for Tea Dances was awarded in February 2024 by The Worcestershire Stay Connected Community Grant. This initially delayed the start of the programme but will enable Everybody Dance to deliver the full programme ending in October 2024.

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Setting up the bingo

Dear Malvern Town Councillors

The Panini Maker purchase by a Malvern Town Council grant has proved to be a very successful and versatile tool; not only can we cook Paninis but large quantities of extremely popular Toasted Sandwiches.

The machine used at our weekly Wednesday morning brunch, where some 30 people have benefitted on an on-going basis.

In order for us to reach more Malvern residents with our voluntary services we have relocated to Storer Court off Geraldine road; not only is this location closer to Barnards Green bus stops for patrons to use, the kitchen area is more like that of a restaurant than the tiny Octagon kitchen only 1/6th of the size.

At Storer Court our oven and hob are 100% gas, the Panini Maker offers us the versatility to be able to expand use of this machine, and with the added opportunity of opening more than once a week.

We have so far only been at Storer Court for two Wednesdays, however news of the Panini Machine has started to spread evidenced by an increase in attendance of both patrons and volunteers.

Thank you so very much for backing us with a much needed grant in our 10th year of operation; there is every indication that our 100% voluntary operations will expand to benefit more Malvern residents from here going forward.

Kindest regards

Martin Lawrence

Founder and Duty Host

Dear Martin Lawrence,

Thank you for your order. Your order number is [UK15571339](#) and the total cost was **£498.54**. This email contains a complete summary of your order. Please retain this confirmation for your records..

Delivery (9 items)

1x DC875 - [Fiesta Compostable Food Bags with Glassine Windows \(Pack of 1000\)](#)

Unit price: £30.59 (ex VAT)

Line total: £30.59 (ex VAT)

10% Discount Applied

1x GH038 - [Panini Paper 330 x 270mm \(Pack of 100\)](#)

Unit price: £7.73 (ex VAT)

Line total: £7.73 (ex VAT)

10% Discount Applied

1x AA007 - [Buffalo Brass Brush](#)

Unit price: £7.19 (ex VAT)

Line total: £7.19 (ex VAT)

10% Discount Applied

1x FC385 - [Buffalo Double Ribbed Top Contact Grill](#)

Unit price: £314.99 (ex VAT)

Line total: £314.99 (ex VAT)

10% Discount Applied

5x A134-XXL - [Whites Vegas Unisex Chefs Jacket Long Sleeve White XXL](#)

Unit price: £8.99 (ex VAT)

Line total: £44.95 (ex VAT)

10% Discount Applied

Voucher Description: 10BASKET

Delivery address:

Martin Lawrence, 89 Poolbrook Road, MALVERN, WR14 3JW, United Kingdom

Delivery method:

Delivery Before 10am (Mon - Fri)

Payment method

Paid by master card

Sub total (excl. VAT)	£405.45
Savings	£45.06
Delivery	£10.00
Total VAT	£83.09
Total	£498.54



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25th March 2024

REPORT FOLLOWING AWARD OF GRANT FROM MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL

Malvern Men's Shed was awarded a grant of £1800 in November 2023.

The reason for the application was to provide further dust extraction equipment. We also replaced a faulty table saw and purchased pyrography equipment.

See image 1 and 2 attached for pyrography
Image 3 shows dust extractor

Pyrography is the craft of decorative woodburning and is seeing a resurgence in popularity. Pyrography has also been used to decorate kitchenware, musical instruments, tools and other items, as a way to make these things unique and to distinguish ownership. Now that we have the tools available we are able to offer this exciting skill to our 50+ members and it is proving very popular. It also means that we can make decorative objects which we hope to see at upcoming craft fairs.

The main dust extract equipment is in use. We are awaiting building work to be completed before the accessories and fittings are plumbed in permanently. These additions mean we are able to improve health and safety conditions and provide a more pleasant working environment.

We would have been unable to do this without the Grant from Malvern Town Council.





Thank you for the polite reminder on getting our grant report back to you by the end of this month. Although we have benefitted greatly from receiving the grant, the award has not allowed us to make as much progress on our outside patio work, as we would have liked. The weather has not been kind to us over the winter and we have not been able to start the work of fixing/updating parts of patio as are still working within our sponsor network to supply and fit the patio that needs the most urgent work.

Can I assure you that we are actively planning the work in, but is it possible to delay our report, so that we can have more time to start and complete the work?

Thanks in advance for your understanding.

Kind Regards

Mark

Mark Johnson



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MRFC Grant - Report

Dear Linda,

I am writing on behalf of the Chairman of Malvern Rugby Football Club to report on the activity that has finally been concluded, based on the kind award of the council's large grant scheme.

We bid for a grant to help with the upkeep of our club house patio, as some of the slabs were in disrepair and were not only unsightly but posing a health and safety risk. Malvern RFC were very grateful for the award of the grant and this allowed us to use the money to purchase replacement patio slabs and fit them into the areas that were in the most disrepair.

Here are some pictures to show evidence of the work.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Malvern Town Council for investing in our club, through the grant scheme.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Johnson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Johnson
Treasurer
Malvern Rugby Football Club
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Malvern Theatre Players

The Resident Company of the Coach House Theatre



27th December 2023

Malvern Town Council
28 – 30 Belle Vue Terrace
Malvern
Worcs
WR14 4PZ

For the attention of Linda Blake – Town Clerk

Dear Linda

Large Grants Scheme 2023 / 24

Just a brief note to thank the Council for providing funding enabling free admission to “Snow White” at the Coach House Theatre for people affected by dementia and for clients of the Malvern food bank.

Attendances were :-

Dementia friendly show – 45
Malvern food bank show - 54

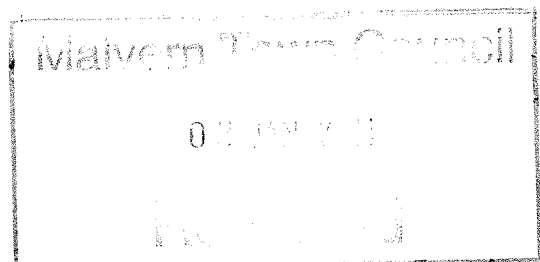
Refreshments were provided by the Coach House Theatre, including ice-cream donated by Bennetts Foods.

Once again, many thanks for your valued support.

Best wishes



Chris Bassett
Executive Trustee
The Coach House Theatre



Attached – Invoice, Large Grants Scheme

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Malvern Town Council - Large Grants Scheme 2023

Applicant – Malvern Theatre Players

Pantomime performances at The Coach House Theatre

REPORT

1. Aim of project – to provide free access to performances of *Snow White* given by Drama Studio London for clients of Malvern Food Bank and people affected by dementia. Organised by Phoenix Collective and Malvern Theatre Players.

2. Grant applied for – Food Bank clients £500, Dementia Friendly performance £320,
Total £840

3. Outcomes

3.1 Tickets to attend the shows were distributed by Friends of the Elderly and the Malvern Food Bank

3.2 Attendance -Food Bank families 54, Friends of the Elderly 45

3.3 Total attendance – 99

3.4 Cost – 99 @ £8 = £792 + publicity / admin £20 = **Total cost £812**

4. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the shows which were tailored to suit each audience. Letters of thanks were received from the supporting organisations and other, individual, members of the audience were fulsome in their praise for the performers, and the fact that free attendance had been provided. One of the elderly people said that it was the first time that she had ventured out from home in two years and several comments were received from the Food Bank clients who were, otherwise, unable to afford tickets for other local pantomime performances.

5. Summary

5.1 In addition to the benefit accruing to the audience, the performances were also beneficial to the artistes, all of whom are emerging professional actors.

5.2 The performances served to publicly highlight the value of Malvern Town Council's Grant Scheme which was credited in all marketing material.

6. Conclusion

6.1 The pantomime project, which is part of our continuing Community Access Theatre scheme, has served to confirm what can be achieved by combining the efforts of the Town Council and voluntary organisations to provide benefit to Malvern residents, particularly those with special needs.

Chris Bassett

Company Manager

Malvern Theatre Players

02 February 2024



RE: Malvern Town Council Large Grant £1,960

What Makes You Different Makes You Beautiful

Dear Committee,

We were able to take a full coach of 52 Service users to Drayton Manor, it was a very wet day, the families did not let this spoil the day they really enjoyed being able to be with other families that would not be able to access such trips.

Transport Cost	£695.00
Ticket Cost	£1150.00
Santa Distraction Packs	£160
Total Project Cost	£2,005

Thank you for making this possible, we hope you will support us in the future again.

Kind Regards

Trustees

What Makes You Different Makes You Beautiful

