



## **Bromsgrove District Council Equality Small Grants 2024-25 Summary Report**

Bromsgrove District Council Equality Small Grants Scheme, administered by the Policy Team, is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year of providing grants.

The 2024-25 grant scheme was launched on 12 March 2024 and was open for 4 weeks till 9 April 2024 with projects to be delivered between 1 June 2024 to 31 March 2025. The limit for grants was £1000 per project application for smaller voluntary, charitable or community organisations/groups that operate in Bromsgrove District who would find it hard to meet the criteria of bigger grants. The maximum grant pot remained at £10,000.

Each application goes through the initial screening process, checking its eligibility. Applications that pass will be assessed against a set of criteria and given a score. The independent scores are averaged and ranked from highest to lowest score. Grants will be allocated until the maximum amount available has been reached.

### **Summary for BDC Equality Small Grants Scheme 2024-25**

- A total of **30** grant applications qualified.
- A total of **12** organisations/groups successfully received a grant
- A total of **5** were new organisations/groups applying for the first time
- From the total budget of £10,000, the amount awarded was £10,000.

### **Overall summary of the BDC Small Grant Scheme 2015/16 to 2024/25**

- There have been **13** rounds of grants since 2015/16
- A total of **£89,454.46** has been awarded over the 13 rounds.
- A total of **90** voluntary and community groups have received a grant since 2015/16
- Over the years projects have helped support older people, young people, men, women, people with a disability, members of the LGBT community and different race and religious groups.

Appendix 1 - The table outlines the successful projects who have received a BDC Equality Small Grant in 2024-25

**Appendix 1 - Successful Projects who have received a BDC Equality Small Grant 2024-25**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Grant Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Protected Characteristics</b>
<b>2nd Alvechurch Guides</b>	Update Camping Equipment (part contribution)	Update of camping equipment items. The items will replace some which have worn out since they were first purchased 10 + years ago.	£252	Age and Gender
<b>Alvechurch Communities Together</b>	Trip to Avoncroft Living History Museum Tour	A group trip, which will be available to all local seniors 65+ in the local and surrounding areas of Alvechurch, including, but not exclusively for the group that attends Friendship Matters.	£865	Age and Disability
<b>BJ Cooper (Chadsgrove School) Charity</b>	Cozy Café	The Cozy Café is held in a community building based at Catshill Meadow park. The café is run by Chadsgrove School pupils during term time every Wednesday and was set up after COVID-19 to support local people from the community to escape loneliness. To reach more people the café requires investment in outdoor equipment such as folding tables and chairs, a marquee and additional cooking appliances.	£1000	Age and Disability
<b>BARN</b>	Strengthening the Voluntary and Community Sector	To organise and deliver a targeted training programme for voluntary and community sector organisations, their staff, and volunteers to help strengthen and support them to deliver their services in an effective and inclusive way particularly when delivering services to specific groups e.g. older people, younger people, and diverse communities.	£1000	All
<b>Bonington Explorer Scout Unit</b>	Target sports throwing club	To expand activity range to include tomahawk throwing, an exciting activity that develops a range of skills while also being challenging and fun, promoting a love of outdoors and a healthier lifestyle	£612	Age and Gender
<b>Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcomes Refugees</b>	English Language and Conversation Classes	To provide English language and conversation classes to Syrian, Afghan and Ukrainian refugee families residing in the district on a weekly basis during term time.	£1000	Age and Race

<b>Bromsgrove Carnival</b>	Bromsgrove Carnival 2024	To support the delivery of the 2024 Bromsgrove Carnival	£1000	All
<b>Bromsgrove Methodist Church</b>	Memory Loss Group	The Project is to provide a once-a-month support group for those affected by memory loss and their carers. We will provide stimulating activities such as crafts, quizzes, music, and opportunities to talk and reminisce. We will provide speakers on an occasional basis to talk about their experience or to share good practice. There will also be refreshments, signposting literature as well as a book share scheme.	£350	Age and Disability
<b>Headway</b>	From Isolation to Integration: Building Bridges in Bromsgrove	The project entails organizing a series of monthly trips away from the Wellbeing centre in Bromsgrove, spanning over a duration of 12 months. These trips encompass a diverse range of social activities carefully curated to provide enjoyable experiences for participants while fostering connections within the community. Activities include a day trip to Weston Super Mare, a visit to the Christmas pantomime, indoor bowling, painting, ceramics, and other art-related endeavours.	£921	Disability
<b>Relate Severn and Wye</b>	Supporting Bromsgrove Relationships	To provide access to counselling for Bromsgrove residents who might otherwise be unable to afford access to a Relate service. Helping with our rent costs will allow us to see more people who need subsidised, or free sessions.	£1000	All
<b>Sight Concern Worcestershire</b>	Bromsgrove Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) & Wellbeing support	To reduce social isolation and loneliness and increase wellbeing in local people living with a vision impairment. The project will use a community development model, to offer a range of opportunities for local people living with a vision impairment to access and engage with information, advice, guidance, and specialist wellbeing support. The project aims to support individuals on a personalized journey by offering a range of flexible services alongside 121 support.	£1000	Age and Disability
<b>The Bromsgrove Hub</b>	Stoke Road Wild Patch	Working with the young people, alongside the adults from the site to create a mini nature reserve at Stoke Road Allotments and learn more about the wildlife that lives there.	£1000	All

