

Street Market 2023 Fund Distribution Meeting

5th November, 2023

Overbury Court

12.00

In attendance: Bruce Bossom (Chair), Georgie Milway, Cheryl Harbour, Liam Aggett, Matt Busby.

Apologies: Steve Voysey.

Open Gardens – We need to mention this phenomenally successful event organised by Harry & his team, the residents who opened their incredible gardens for this event, and also the team who worked hard to provide refreshments on the day. The money raised from this event went to St Faiths & The Village Hall.

Street Market: Following the successful 2023 Street Market (despite the weather), the committee were in a position to allocate the £5,000 raised and the following applications were received.

Overbury Church

Overbury Village Hall

Overbury Community Playground

Overbury Cricket Club

Overbury & Conderon Community Orchard (COCO)

Friends of Overbury School

Overbury Church

Amount Requested - £1,500

Award - £1,250

The Church has several projects on the go, including replacing its notice board and funding for the community choir. This award can be used to support the projects highlighted in their application.

Overbury Village Hall

Amount Requested – As much as possible!

Award - £1,250

The last major project in The Village Hall is to refurbish the kitchen completely. This is a massive project and is desperately overdue. The quote for the last design was circa £75K! We will need to apply for a National Lottery grant and local fundraising activity. Most of the funds raised during the year cover the ongoing costs, for example, insurance and ongoing maintenance, etc. In the next two months, the committee will agree on a design, get costings and then split the projects into a number of phases/mini-projects that can be completed over a period of time. A refurbished kitchen will make such a difference for future events in The Village Hall.

Overbury Community Playground

Amount Requested - £1,500

Award - £1,250

An amazing £9,000 has already been raised with further support already committed by members of the community. There is an opportunity to apply for match funding from Wychavon District Council early in the New Year. There will be a last funding raising push in the first quarter/half of next year, and then it may be possible to design the playground with the funds available (already raised + committed funding support + match funding). This award will help with applying for the match funding.

Overbury Cricket Club

Amount Requested - £600

Award - £600

The requested funds are for the upkeep of the Cricket Club's playing field. There is a considerable cost to keep the fields looking immaculate throughout the year. Volunteers maintain the playing fields, but there has been a significant increase in the cost to keep the mowers serviced and the obvious increase in the cost of fuel. Help from members of the Cricket Club at the Street Market is very much appreciated.

Overbury & Conderton Community Orchard (COCO)

Amount Requested - £130

Award - £150

The requested funds are to cover the insurance premium for the orchard. The COCO committee was advised that the activities in the orchard were not covered by the Overbury Enterprises / Overbury Farms policy and that we needed specific cover from now on. One event (Blossom Day) was possible

this year, but unfortunately, other events were scuppered by the weather! The award will cover this year's insurance premium, and future fundraising events will hopefully cover next year's premium.

Friends of Overbury School

Amount Requested - £972

Award - £500

The requested funds are to cover the school's subscription to the 'Bug Club' software. The school were able to raise funds at the Street Market with the activities in Faith & Anthony's garden, but due to the unfavourable weather, takings were lower than in previous years. This award will hopefully make up that shortfall.

Street Market 2024

We will need to start planning for the 2024 Street Market very soon. The success of this event is crucial as there will be no Open Gardens in 2024 to 'top-up' funds, so this will be our most significant opportunity to raise funds next year. We need full community support to make this a success. We will circulate the date for the first planning session early in the New Year.

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