

# Grant Applications 2023 - 2024

£1850 is allocated for grants in the Budget for 2023 - 2024.

The following village organisations have applied for a grant:

Winniford River Action Group	£1,000.00
Chideock Village Hall	£925.00

I believe that the Chideock News will also be applying.

There is an expected budget underspend of £250+ and £4,735.00 in the General Contingency Reserve so there is some flexibility.

**The following grants were made in 2022 - 2023: -.**

Bridport Citizen's Advice Bureau	£200.00
Chideock News.	£700.00
Chideock Village Hall Repair Grant	£700.00
Winniford River Action Group	£1,000.00
Total	£2500.00

**Information from the Chideock News.**

Awaited.

**Information from the Winniford River Action Group.**

"We have some grant money in the bank that will support this work until June but beyond that we will require funding. In the longer term there is a CROWD initiative to set up a laboratory in the Bridport area to facilitate low-cost bacteriological testing. It is hoped that this will be operational in 2025 and, if so, would much reduce the funding required for future work. For this year though we estimate that a sum of £1000 (added to our current assets) would provide us with sufficient monies to purchase the required number of E.coli and Enterococci tests and, in addition, two sets of riverfly monitoring equipment."

**Information from the Village Hall Committee.**

"On behalf of the Chideock Village hall committee I wish to apply for a maintenance grant in your next financial year to be used only for major repairs or improvements to the Chideock village hall. We have identified in a recent Health and Safety risk assessment that the fire escape hand rail at the rear of the hall is not fit for purpose and is potentially dangerous so needs changing. The current price to supply and fit is £925 including VAT as per attached spreadsheet. However due to the age of the hall throughout the year other major work is often deemed necessary to be carried out for example as itemised on page 2 of the spreadsheet - these are lever taps for the ladies and gents toilets. The current taps are the standard design and are very difficult to use for older people with arthritic hands so will need to be changed to make them user friendly. Finally some of the ceiling tiles (as spreadsheet 3) need to be replaced as they suffered when we had condensation in the loft area which has now been resolved."