

# The Chearsley Fund

by Simon & Sarah Vickers, Rectory Homes

The Chearsley Fund was established in 2025 to provide grants for appropriate activities or initiatives within the village of Chearsley.

## How the Fund operates

The Fund is provided by Simon and Sarah Vickers, Rectory Homes.

It is administered by an Awards Committee comprising Simon and Sarah plus three village representatives. It has no formal constitution and is not established as a Trust.

The Awards Committee will make decisions on grant applications, with Simon and Sarah retaining the right, exceptionally, to veto an application.

The village representatives will conduct an initial review of each application and pass on those considered appropriate to the full Awards Committee for a decision.

The Awards Committee will meet as and when required to consider applications, plus annually to review the overall operation of the scheme.

The Fund is solely for use within the Chearsley Parish boundary

It is initially set to run for 20 years from 2025.

Awards will be a maximum of £5,000 per annum (i.e. £100,000 maximum total funding). Exceptionally, more than one year's allocation might be considered for a deserving cause, up to a maximum of £10,000 (i.e. 2 years' funding)

The Fund will operate alongside the Chearsley Village Trust. Broadly, the Village Trust will consider applications for awards up to £500 and the Chearsley Fund will consider applications between £500 and £5000.

## Who Can Apply

Individuals, registered charities, community groups and social enterprises, which are based in or operate for the benefit of residents of Chearsley.

This includes the Village Hall, St Nicholas Church, the Cricket Club, the Allotments Society, the WI, Fete committees and the Historical Society. It also includes The Bell Pub where there is a wider village benefit from proposed schemes.

Groups must be formally constituted and operate for Chearsley community benefit.

## Criteria for awards

Applications will be considered for grants towards projects or initiatives by individuals and groups within the village of Chearsley, for one-off costs only (usually project capital or start-up costs or individual initiative costs) although initial running costs might exceptionally be considered.

For instance:

1. projects or activities that improve one of the following:
  - the local environment
  - accessible community areas / spaces or buildings
  - the development and a sense of engagement for all in the village community
2. individual and group activities that exhibit positive levels of initiative and determination:
3. anything else that the Awards Committee decides is within the spirit of the Fund.

If the Awards Committee thinks it appropriate, they may suggest an application to the Rectory Foundation for additional funds.

## Applications

Applications must be made on the [Chearsley Fund application form](#).

Also available from the Chearsley website at [www.chearsley-pc.gov.uk](http://www.chearsley-pc.gov.uk) - Chearsley Fund

## Village Representatives

The village representatives will be Nic Brown, John Lewis & Martin Johnson.