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APPLICATION TO EAST HARPTREE PARISH COUNCIL FOR GRANT FROM CIL MONIES

Title of Project: Community Infrastructure Aspects of Project Newton

Name of Organisation making the application: PCC of East Harptree with West Harptree and Hinton Blewitt (Registered Charity no 1187091)

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Detailed summary of our proposals together with drawings/specifications and a timescale for the project

Project Newton involves a wide range of physical works to St Laurence Church in East Harptree and in its churchyard and Activities connected to the Heritage in and around East Harptree. The Activities are a major part of the project with a budget in excess of £100k. This application however focuses on particular aspects which are discrete and support the infrastructure or create new infrastructure in East Harptree and where the infrastructure created will benefit the whole community of East Harptree and will connect the local community (and others further afield) to the heritage in and around East Harptree.

Our project has been awarded a substantial delivery grant (see later) by the National Heritage Lottery Fund (NHLF). To borrow the strap line of NHLF "We fund projects that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK." That is a core part of Project Newton. We have secured 94% of our overall delivery budget of c£750k and now need to secure the balance, hence this application. The Development Phase of the Project from 2018 to 2021 also benefited from an £83k grant from NHLF.

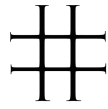
Our timetable is broadly as follows

- January 2022 get Permission to Start from NHLF
- January 2022 kick off of Activities Programme (the detail is at page 62 and onwards of our Activity Plan (see below))
- February 2022 hopefully obtain confirmation that HM Government have agreed to continue the Listed Places of Worship VAT Grant Scheme (worth c£100k to the project)
- April 2022 physical works begin
- November 2022 physical works complete
- Activities continue until late 2024
- March 2025 project complete when formal evaluation completed.

Our Proposals the subject of this Application in more detail:

Work to amend and improve the Curriculum at East Harptree Primary School and other activities involving children at East Harptree Primary School

We attach our Activity Plan and refer you in particular to pages 44 and 45 which set out in detail the work that will involve the School. There will be a range of activities involving the pupils at the School



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and working with Bristol Museum Service outputs which will deliver improvements to the curriculum at the School. We consider the curriculum is a key part of the infrastructure of the village as it will shape the lives of all the pupils who attend the School.

Notice Board to be situated outside St Laurence Churchyard

We attach the Interpretation Plan for Project Newton and refer you to page 25 which provides more information. The new notice board will not be placed on land owned by the church¹. We also attach drawing 0321.WD.019 which gives more detail about the notice board. You have seen this before when our planning application came to you in 2020. Although the new notice board will provide information relating to St Laurence church, it will also provide information for walkers and others who will follow the footpath on the northern boundary of the church yard and then visit Harptree Coombe and Richmond Castle, and also about the East Harptree Conservation Area. The information will not simply provide a route map but historical and other information about these places thereby enhancing the experience of tourists and others who come into the village. This notice board will be in the heart of the Conservation Area and therefore will be an important resource.

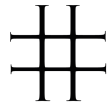
New Website for the Harptrees History Society

The project will fund and deliver a new website for the Harptrees History Society. The development phase of Project Newton (from 2018 to 2021) has funded a prototype of the proposed website which can be seen at <https://harptreeshistorysociety.org>. The delivery phase will flesh this out considerably. As you will see this already contains a wealth of information about the local area and one of the many aims of the project is to digitise the hard copy archive of the History Society. It will therefore be an exciting resource for the local community and others and we will ensure that this (and the new website for the Church) are linked to the Parish Council website.

Although we are not applying for a grant towards these works (unless you indicate we could include these elements) we would add that Project Newton will deliver significant inclusive access benefits and improvements to an important physical asset in the village and this and the other works to St Laurence Church will support an increase of footfall into East Harptree and therefore support local businesses notably the pub and shop. In addition Project Newton will deliver the creation of an external teaching area in the churchyard (as specifically requested by the Primary School)(see drawing 0321. WD.001 attached) which will supplement the School's teaching capability which is severely constrained by the limited physical space currently at the School.

Bearing in mind the interest of the Parish Council in responding to the Climate Emergency we would like to have included in this application the green initiatives the project will deliver-planting, bat, swift and owl boxes, a bat roost and other initiatives that we are working closely on with East Harptree Environment Group but all of these are happening in the churchyard and we have assumed therefore these are off limits for an application in relation to CIL monies even though the benefits of course will extend well beyond the churchyard. We would be glad to expand on this if the Parish Council would like to know more and if the Parish Council feel that these infrastructure works could also be included in this Application.

¹ Neither a search at the land registry, nor enquiries of the Diocese of Bath and Wells nor an advertisement in local papers has revealed who owns the land immediately outside the church. However it has been adopted by the Local Highways Authority.



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Costings and Funding

We attach the overall Project Newton budget prepared by our Quantity Surveyors Hookway.

In summary the costings of the elements the subject of this Application are as follows (all figures exclude VAT and none of these items qualify under the LPOW VAT Grant Scheme):

Activities with East Harptree Primary School - £15,100

New Notice board (to include an element of professional fees and Preliminaries and contingency) - £6828

History Society Website and associated software, copywriting, research and photography - £5100

In total £27028 (£32434 with VAT)

The noticeboard costs emerged from the Main Contractor tender process we undertook in the spring of 2021, where 5 Main Contractors tendered for the physical works and Ellis and Co have been identified as the Preferred Contractor, as confirmed in Hookway's budget. We can provide the tender pack and full specification but it is 157 documents.

In 2019 we put out the Interpretation work for the Development and Delivery Phases to tender to Freeline Graphics (who were successful), and 4 others. The budget for all the interpretation work during this delivery phase is in one of the tabs in Hookway's budget. Again if required we can produce the brief/specification sent out.

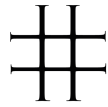
We have not put out the Activities with the School to tender. We have however obtained quotations to inform the appropriate tab in the Hookway budget. It was not thought appropriate to tender for the provision of supply teachers. Nor for the advice and consultancy being provided by Bristol Museum. They are in a unique position because of the materials they hold (notably coins from the East Harptree Hoard) and a combination of that and their education support team makes a tender unviable in reality.

Grant Request

Our grant request from the CIL monies is £7,500, or such other amount as you deem appropriate, and to be applied to any one or more of the 3 items referred to above.

Compliance with CIL Regulations

We are certain that the three elements of our Application are in accordance with the CIL Regulations. The new notice board and the History Society website are both the provision of new infrastructure. Both respond to the need to inform and better inform local residents and others about the heritage in the village and beyond. They will contribute to the improvement of the lives of all residents and to local businesses. The work with East Harptree school is either infrastructure (the new curriculum will have long lasting benefits) and/or it meets criteria B as it meets demand that has been placed on the School by the Developments that have produced the CIL monies. The new housing that has generated the CIL monies have contributed to the numbers attending or likely to attend East Harptree Primary School. Investment in the curriculum is essential to attract pupils to the School, and prevent children commuting to other schools in the area, which runs counter to the Parish Council's Green aspirations and which in turn contributes to more traffic as people move around when taking their



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children to school. The History Society will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of their website.

Community Support

There are 3 elements to this

1. We had no objections to our project during the planning process or the faculty process (the consent process required by the Diocese of Bath and Wells)
2. We have consulted extensively since the inception of the project in 2014 including a number of presentations to the Parish Council and culminating in a 2 day public consultation at the end of 2019. We would refer you to pages 117-119 of our Activity Plan which set out the comments made as a result of that consultation-they are almost exclusively positive and the few issues identified did result in some changes to aspects of the project
3. We would refer you to the amount of money generously pledged and given to the project (see Appendix A). Pledges and gifts have come from over 60 local residents. We would be delighted to receive more local support from you and other local residents for this major and significant initiative and investment in East Harptree.

Appendix A

Funding Source	Grant Secured but not paid yet £	Grant Secured and cash Received £	Projected £	Notes
National Heritage Lottery Fund Delivery Grant	294,900			Letter confirming Grant dated 21.09.21
Church Care Grants (Bells, Wall Paintings and Stained Glass)	8,600			
Francis Coales	1000			
Somerset Churches	2000			
St Andrews Conservation	2000			
Beatrice Laing	5000			
Sharpe Trust	400			
Hobson Charity	10,000			



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Diocesan Assoc of Bell Ringers	6400			
Allchurches Trust		12,800		
Foulerton Trust		5000		
Gifts from Local Community and Gift Aid		40,964		
Pledges from local community dependent on NHLF Grant (ie now secure) plus Gift Aid	85,037			
Diocesan Loan	25,000			
Existing Cash Resources from previous fundraising		35,000		
School House Trust (local charity)	10,000	57938		
VAT Grant Scheme			80,000	Depends on government renewing LPOW Grant scheme in spring 2022. NHLF have indicated verbally that they will increase their funding to cover this, if renewal is not forthcoming.
VAT Zero Rating			10,000	On inclusive Access work, amount subject to negotiation with HMRC
Totals	448337	151702	90,000	
Overall Total				£690,039