## **Thurston Parish Council**

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# APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

Before competing this form, please read carefully the attached document entitled Thurston Grant Awarding Policy. Copies of the form together with the **latest copy of examined accounts** must be submitted along with any supporting documentation requested.

# General information for applicants

It is Thurston Parish Council's intention (subject to budget restrictions and available resources) to support initiatives from local community groups and organisations. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received grants from Thurston Parish Council. The size of any grant awarded is at the discretion of the Parish Council but will not exceed £500 in any one application.

If you have any queries on the completion of this form please contact the Parish Clerk, Thurston Parish Council, New Green Centre, Thurston, IP31 3TG. Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@thurstonparishcouncil.gov.uk">clerk@thurstonparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>

### **DETAILS OF YOUR ORGANISATION**

Name of Organisation: Stowmarket ASD Saturday Clubs

Address: 24 All saints Road, Creeting St Mary, IP6 8NF

Contact Telephone No. 07920714611

**Email:** leah@stowmarketsaturdayclub.co.uk

Registered Charity No. 1151141

If you are part of a larger organisation, enter its name: N/A

### Principal aims and objectives:

We provide sessions to support young people 5-18years with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder. We run 3 different sessions and also provide parent, carer and Community support through a sensory library and parent cafe each month. Our clubs are designed to help the young people feel part of a community and are adaptable to assist with their individual needs. We encourage the young people to be their self, while helping them explore and experience positive social and communication interactions. We support them to build up life and friendship skills helping to reduce isolation, boost self-confidence and esteem. While also provide respite for siblings and family's.

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#### **DETAILS OF GRANT REQUESTED**

### Explain your need for a grant with the likely number of beneficiaries, age and location

This grant will help support up to 60 young people aged 5 – 18 years. One of our key drives is to ask the young people about their interests and their hobbies and to have them help us adapt our sessions to suit their interest. Including fun new ideas and activities for them to try. This helps us to promote their voice and positively promote how their ideas matter helping to boost pride in themselves. This also helps us teach them how to learn what's important to others. We create a wish list with these ideas which fundraising and smaller grants like this help to fund. Some of the items we have brought in the past include puzzles, Laser guns and a guitar. Some items we have listed still to source include a new game for PS4, New head phones for keyboard, Light sabres, bird box camera x2 and much more. The young people have just carried out a sponsored fun run themselves to help and they will vote and help request these items form the committee to buy.

Within the last year our fundraising efforts have been vital to helping core running costs. Which means it has been a while since we have updated our resources and some of our equipment which has broken like the head phone for keyboard we have not been able to source yet meaning this area has been not working to its best and can become frustrating for the young people.

**Grant requested: £500** 

### **DETAILS OF OTHER GRANTS**

**Received in the last two years** Suffolk Community Foundation, Henry Smith, Priavte JA, Marken, Stowmarket community grants and Activities Unlimited

Currently applied for Suffolk Community Foundation, National Lottery and BBC Children In need.

Please use this space for any significant information about your organisation not already supplied

We support young people from a wide location including living in and around Thurston, we also support other young people attending Thurston High school. Our sensory library and parent café support groups are available to families in and around Suffolk and we have even have families travelling further.

I certify that the foregoing replies are accurate to the best of my knowledge

Signature of applicant LEAH BOWERS

Office Held General Manager

Date 3rd November 2023

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