

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Cabinet Member

DECISION MAKER

Councillor Sophie Porter, Community & Residents Portfolio Holder

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund grant requests from:

- **£10,098 awarded to 14th Aldershot Pegasus Scout Group** for Outdoor Development Project
- **£15,000 awarded to Wonderseekers** for Caterpillar Champions Project

The Community Environmental Fund commenced in 2001. It is levied by Farnborough Airport on business aviation movements at a rate of £2 or £5 per aircraft movement (dependent on aircraft).

The fund is available to groups and organisations under the following criteria:

- Located within 5 kilometres (3 miles) from the centre of Farnborough Airport (taken to be halfway down the main runway) and is demonstrably and regularly affected by aircrafts travelling to and from Farnborough Airport
- Has public access to be available to be enjoyed by the community as a whole and result in the improvement of an outdoor facility or area
- Includes an environmental improvement
- Projects may include: -
 - Green or open spaces
 - Natural habitats
 - Environmental improvements
 - Community projects with an emphasis on improving the local environment

There is £17,686 available for allocation from the Community Environmental Fund.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

22 Aug 2025

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)

None.

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

(Conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

N/A

Signed _____ Sophie Porter _____

Designation ____ Community & Residents Portfolio Holder _____

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

Applicant name and address of project site:	14th Aldershot Pegasus Scout Group - Mantle Hall, 72 North Lane, Aldershot, GU12 4QG					
Purpose of grant:	Landscaping and Outdoor Development					
Grant amount requested:	£10,098	Total cost of project:	£10,098			
Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:	None					
Criteria met?	Y/N	Comment				
• Located within distance?	Y	<p>The aim of this project is to transform their outdoor space at the Scouts HQ by redesigning the East and West gardens. This will include the installing vegetable planters, a welcoming picnic area and adding protective hedges along the road.</p> <p>This will enable the young people who are part of the scout group access to outdoor space.</p> <p>The outdoor area would also provide a space for gatherings, community events and outdoor learning.</p>				
• Regularly affected by air movements?	Y					
• Public access enjoyed by whole community?	Y					
• Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area?	Y					
• Include an environmental improvement?	Y					
Other sources of funding for this project:	£500	14 TH Aldershot Pegasus Scout Group Funds				
Accounts:	Income:	£41,758	Expenditure:	£45,510	Balances:	£17,639
Additional information:	<p>Altogether this would create a more functional, safe, education and enjoyable environment for the young people and wider community.</p> <p>Many of the young people that attend live in urban or built-up areas with limited access to green spaces. This project will give them a valuable opportunity to interact with nature, learn about sustainability, and engage in outdoor activities.</p> <p>The project also seeks to involve local businesses, volunteers, and families, strengthening community ties and encouraging ongoing participation in future projects.</p>					
Aim of organisation/group:	<p>The 14th Aldershot (Pegasus) Scouts Group currently has around 90 children enrolled with an age between 4 to 14 years old. Scouting gives young people skills for life. It prepares them for real-life challenges by developing their knowledge, skills and attitudes. The outcomes can be further developed as the young person grows into adulthood and follows the path to leadership</p>					
Application recommendation:	£10,098					

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund applicant bid

Applicant name and address of project site:	Wonderseekers, (project site – Schools in Farnborough & Aldershot)					
Purpose of grant:	Caterpillar Champions					
Grant amount requested:	£15,000	Total cost of project:	£15,000			
Previous grants from this fund in the last five years:	None					
Criteria met?	Y/N	Comment				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located within distance? Regularly affected by air movements? Public access enjoyed by whole community? Result in improvement of outdoor facility/area? Include an environmental improvement? 	Y Y Y Y Y	<p>This project is focused on schools within areas of low socio-economic opportunity within Farnborough & Aldershot.</p> <p>Biodiversity focussed repeat engagement workshops to primary aged children with a focus on skills development and agency, giving pupils opportunities to engage with fun activities that raise environmental awareness and nature connectedness. They also support developing some of the softer skills such as teamwork, curiosity and oracy, skills that are valued in wider contexts.</p> <p>This will engage approximately 300 young people, as well as teachers and their parents if they get involved in their projects, dependent on schools.</p>				
Other sources of funding for this project:	£	Ongoing Variable Cost of development – Wonderseekers				
Accounts:	Income:	£	Expenditure:	£	Balances:	£
Additional information:	<p>This project includes a visit to each school a minimum of 3 times to deliver workshops, set a project, then return and celebrate the results with the children and their teachers (and parents if appropriate). They would also support schools with transport costs (a major barrier for schools) to take the children on a visit to Winchester Science Centre where they will experience workshops, exhibits and our world class planetarium.</p>					
Aim of organisation/group:	<p>Their vision is for a world where, through the wonder of science, people and planet thrive. They have been sparking children's curiosity in science through hands-on science experiences since 1986. In October 2022, they changed their charity name from Winchester Science Centre to Wonderseekers. Their Science Centre remains a hub for science engagement as part of the Wonderseekers family. Today, their strategy is about creating more equitable access to science and maintaining our reputation for leadership in accessibility. They've invested in their team and our Science Centre and reached deeper into communities that needed Their support most. Through their innovative programming they work with children to give them the knowledge and skills to take action to improve the world around them.</p>					
Application recommendation:	£15,000					