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PRESS RELEASE

Kirkburton PC awards more Grants to Community Groups

Despite the pressures of the economic climate and reduction in budgets, Kirkburton Parish Council continues to support many community groups and initiatives in its area. In the latest round £15,773 has been agreed in community project and emergency grants.

The groups receiving grants are Thurstonland Cricket Club: £3,000 towards installation of a new disabled entrance; Lascelles Hall Cricket Club: £5,000 towards repairs following the recent fire (to be paid on commencement of works); Kirklees Directorate for Children & Young People: £5,773 to fund an extra evening at Lepton Youth Club; Shepley Bowling Club: £750 to cover essential costs for the repair of the electricity supply; Lepton Community Link: £1,250 to part-fund a commemorative bench to complete the refurbishment at Lepton Square.



Lepton Square

Cllr John Hirst, Chairman of Kirkburton Parish Council, said "I am delighted that we can continue to support all these groups and organisations with essential funding. There are so many volunteers out there, giving so freely of their time and money, it's brilliant that the Parish Council can also do its share.

The last round of community project grants brings the total up to more than £41,000. Another £16,600 was paid out this year in annual & emergency grants to about 50 organisations in the area. This means that about half of the precept has gone back directly to the local community to support the very valuable work they are all engaged in.

The community grants will continue – we have put another £20,000 in next year's budget so I would urge groups to come forward with their projects and I'm sure we'll try and support them if we can."

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Thurstonland Cricket Club

Editor's Note: The Parish Council has an annual budget of £20,000 for community grants, but for the last 2 years, demand has exceeded this amount, so each year the Council has made available additional money in order to support all these worthwhile projects and organisations. Figures for community project grants are: 2009/10 - £37,103; 2010/11 - £46,066.60.

At the same time the precept was decreased by £5,000 in 2010 and this year there is no increase – it remains at £122,000 representing an annual charge of £13.58 for a band D council taxpayer in the parish.

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