



# **Wincanton Town Council**

## **Good Stuff Fund**

**2020-2021**

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# Introduction

This document provides detail on the running of the Wincanton Town Council Town Initiatives `Good Stuff Fund`.

The scheme provides an opportunity for proposals to be developed by groups, individuals or charities and must focus on reducing loneliness, isolation or suggest ways to improve community action, Wincanton Environment and Ecological Plan Charter and enable the town to be sustainable. All these in terms of meeting the needs of the community within the Wincanton Town Council boundaries.

This fund has also been designed to provide support for the local delivery of the Wincanton for the Future and Wincanton Town Council priorities.

In line with all council expenditure, it is expected that value for money is achieved from this funding and a bid, if approved, must be spent on the purpose for which it was allocated.

These guidance notes set out how the scheme is to be administered, the necessary controls and governance arrangements, and clear practical advice to successful applicants on which schemes can be supported and how to access the funding. Funding to be released into organisational bank accounts.

Proposal will be considered throughout the year (or until the fund has been spent). Further details on the approach can be found below.

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## Wincanton for the Future: Good Stuff Fund

### Guidance Notes 2020-21

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## Section 1: What does the scheme aim to do?

- 1.1 The purpose of the fund is to empower residents, charities and groups to take responsibility for how they enable a preventative culture/model, build resilience, reduce loneliness and isolation, enable our town to be sustainable in terms of the WEEP Charter and build a sense of community over the period of the project and beyond.
- 1.2 This funding will need to support the delivery of the Wincanton for the Future 2020-21 priorities outlined in the Phase 1 plan. The criteria required to be demonstrated is one or more of the following
1. A thriving and productive community that is ambitious, confident and focused on improving people's lives
  2. A community that is resilient, well-connected and a compassionate community working to reduce inequalities
  3. A community where all partners actively work together for the benefit of our residents, communities and the environment in which we all live
  4. A community that provides you with right information, advice and guidance to help you help yourself and targets support to those who need it most
- 1.3 **Appendix 1** is the expression of Interest form, to be completed electronically, supported by a Town Councillor and will be considered by Wincanton for the Future Stakeholder Group who make recommendations to Wincanton Town Council.

## Section 2: What projects will the fund support?

- 2.1 The fund will support projects which:
- prevent or reduce loneliness and isolation, build a sense of community, sustainable town with a focus on actions for the climate, environment, nature and wildfire.
  - Redesign processes to improve lives, increase efficiency and productivity.
- 2.2 Proposals will be given greater weighting if they:
- demonstrate innovative thinking

- evidence increased prevention value (reduce loneliness, isolation or build a sense of community, support climate change (WEEP Charter), nature and wildlife)
- focus benefits towards particularly vulnerable groups or have a strong focus on addressing health and social inequalities.

2.3 Bids are submitted as an Expressions of interest through the year on a quarterly basis (or until funds have been spent). Depending on value, i.e. below £1,000.00 will require a commitment to provide a case study or impact statement of the benefits from implementing the initiative over the period of project. Those above £1,000.00 require a project update at 6<sup>th</sup> months and 1yr in person who present verbally the benefits achieved, comments from the users of the project/initiative and state if appropriate the long-term model to enable sustainability.

2.4 The fundamental principle is that the Good Stuff Fund should focus on delivery of Wincanton for the Future Plan, preventing need/or the escalation of need, to reduce social isolation, loneliness and to build a sense of community i.e. volunteering, social action and or meet the Wincanton Environmental and Ecological Plan /Charter.

2.5 Collaboratively working with groups, organisations and communities to create greater scale of change and, where possible, encourage any matched funding opportunities and is sustainable. In all cases, the proposals must be for projects benefitting Wincanton residents.

2.3 A record of expenditure against the fund will be maintained and progress on the projects will be reported to the Wincanton Town Council and Wincanton for the Future Stakeholder Group.

**You can**



- Bids can be for as much or as little as necessary to pump prime the project/initiative
- Support projects within the boundaries of Wincanton Town Council
- Consult to guard against duplication and double funding
- Attract and secure matched funding or third-party sponsorship

**You can't**



- Use the Good Stuff Fund for other projects than the one applied and approved by Wincanton Town Council
- Wincanton Town Council can't commit to on-going funding beyond use of this grant/ bid which could leave an on-going liability
- Use the budget for making hospitality payments

- Sustainability: projects to be self-sustaining post pump prime Good Stuff Fund.
- To paid into a personal bank account

**Note:** Wellbeing powers

- The General Power of Competence under the Localism Act 2011 enables every local authority to do anything which an individual may generally do. Since the Act came into effect councils no longer need to demonstrate that their activities are of direct benefit to the authority, its area or persons resident or present in its area.

## Section 3: The Process?

- 3.1 The Expressions of Interest in the fund are put forward using the form in Appendix A. Forms need to be completed electronically supported by a councillor of Wincanton Town Council and sent to [future@wincantontowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:future@wincantontowncouncil.co.uk)
- 3.2 Expressions of Interest will then be considered by Wincanton For the Future Stakeholder Group, the chairman of the council. Initial expressions of interest will be considered throughout the year until the funding is used.
- 3.3 Expressions of Interest will be assessed against the criteria outlined in section 2
- 3.4 Proposals that are agreed for funding by Wincanton Town Council will be required to progress through the Council's normal decision-making processes and will be subject to scrutiny outlined in 2.3.
- 3.6 Progress against each project and the defined key deliverables will be monitored through the Wincanton Stakeholder Group and Wincanton Town Council. Oversight and assurance of each project to be provided by Project and Development Coordinator on a day to day basis and strategic oversight and assurance by Stakeholder Group and Wincanton Town Council.

## Section 4: What about publicity for the Fund?

- 4.1 Once projects have been approved; the publicity should make it clear that the project has received funding from the Wincanton Town Council 'Good Stuff Fund'.
- 4.2 Once funds have been made to successful applicants, it is incumbent on named person to ensure that the grant proceeds have been used, in full, for the specified purpose.



**Wincanton Town Council  
Good Stuff Fund 2020/21  
Expressions of Interest Form**

<b>Title of Bid:</b>
<b>Named Wincanton Town Councillor supporting the bid:</b>
<b>Named person completing the bid and contact information:</b>
<b>Organisation/Group name:</b>
<b>Date:</b>
<b>Amount requested:</b>

<b>Purpose of Bid (Please be specific as this helps to ensure that any grant applied for, is for the intended purpose. If necessary, please attach a separate summary)</b>
<b>Please provide an outline of what are you trying to achieve and how you are going to go about it?</b>
<b>What are the indicative timescales for implementation/delivery of your project?</b>
<b>What is the benefit to Wincanton residents, climate and environment, nature and wildlife? (delete as appropriate)</b>
<b>How will we know it works?</b>
<b>When will Wincanton residents see the benefits?</b>

<b>Match Funding – amount and organisation</b>
<b>If you do not have match funding state why</b>
<b>Is there any further information that you would like to provide?</b>

<b>Which priority is met?</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Thriving and productive community <input type="checkbox"/> Resilient, well-connected communities <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce the impact on climate change and environment <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce the impact on nature/wildlife

<p>Financial information</p> <p>Amount applied for from Good Stuff Fund £. . . . .</p> <p><b>Bank details: not a personal account</b></p> <p><b>Sort code</b></p> <p><b>Bank Account</b></p> <p><b>Name of group/organisation</b></p> <p><b>Are you a registered charity Yes/No</b></p> <p><b>Named Finance contact:</b> .....</p> <p>Send the completed form to : <a href="mailto:future@wincantontowncouncil.co.uk">future@wincantontowncouncil.co.uk</a></p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of how money is to be spent: (or attach details)</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td> </td></tr> </table>										

<p>For office use only</p> <p>Date logged in: .....</p> <p>Date approved by Wincanton Town Council: .....</p> <p>Date payment processed: .....</p>
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