

Ditchling Village Association

Grants Process

Ditchling Village Association is a not-for-profit organisation established for the benefit of residents. Its stated objectives are:

- To unite all who live in Ditchling for the good of all.
- To promote the welfare and well-being of all who live in Ditchling.
- To help support and encourage each Council, Society and Club to fulfil its particular objectives.

The DVA raises funds through the profits of the biennial Ditchling Fair (and occasional other events).

The DVA spends some of its funds centrally for the benefit of residents through events such as the Newcomers' Party, Coffee & Cake mornings, Christmas Sparkle competition and other events.

The DVA also disburses money through grants to village clubs, groups, societies and events for small projects and other benefits. In this document the term 'society' represents any village club, organisation, group, association etc.

Applications for grants are invited to be submitted for review by 31 October and 30 April each year. Typical grants are in the region of several hundred pounds. The grant application form is available on the website at <https://www.ditchling.com/downloads> and should be submitted to secretary.dva@ditchling.com for consideration by the relevant deadline. A budget will be allocated for each grant giving cycle.

The DVA favours grants that work towards one or more of

- Purchase or replacement of equipment for a society for long-term benefit to a club or society
- Projects that provide ongoing benefit or support the long-term aims of a society
- Activities promoting inclusion and involvement within the village

Projects should have a medium-long term benefit/horizon.

Applications will be considered by the DVA committee at subsequent meetings and the decision communicated to applicants. Applications will be reviewed and ranked and may receive all, some or none of the sum requested in relation to the total available funds for that grant application cycle. Rejected applicants are welcome to reapply for a future grant cycle. Any decisions are final.

Urgent grant applications will be considered outside of this cycle in exceptional circumstances.

Successful applicants will be required to supply supporting documentation/ receipts to receive reimbursement.

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