

Reports from organisations receiving grants

HALSTEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

(Charity No. 289304)

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Halstead Town Council Grant: 2021/2022

The grant that we were awarded this year was used to purchase archive quality storage boxes for objects and documents. It also went towards the cost of albums and sleeves, into which to put photographs for safe storage. These are used both by members of the Society, as well as visitors to the Heritage Museum.

We continue to receive many enquiries from the public, locally, nationally and internationally, undertaking research into their family history and their homes, as well as those with a general interest in the history of the area in which they live. We hold thousands of images, and although many have now been now been digitised, it is good to be able to store the originals safely.

As a Society, we would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Town Councillors and staff for their continuing support over the past 12 months and for allowing us the use of the two rooms at The Queen's Hall.

We receive excellent feedback from visitors who are always surprised at how much we manage to display in the space we have.



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A Huge Floral Thank You

In the spring and summer of 2021 the whole country was amazed by the stories of courage and dedication, of bravery and commitment, shown by NHS Staff in our hospitals in the midst of the COVID pandemic. We were all encouraged to "Clap for the NHS" - and we did, for they deserved it and so much more.

However, another group of highly dedicated, lowly-paid, caring staff members - those who work in our residential Care Homes - were left in the shadows. With very few exceptions, these men and women went un-thanked and un-recognised. They stayed at their posts because they cared. They sat with the residents because the residents' families could not. They held the hands of the dying, and passed on messages of love, because the families couldn't do it for they were locked out of the Care Homes. The carers themselves had nowhere to escape to, because if they did leave their posts, the residents would be unsupported, un-cared for, and with no one with them in their final days here on earth.

The members of the Rotary Club of Halstead wanted to show that we remembered all the residential carers in our local community. At the start we had no idea how many care homes we have locally - and we certainly had no idea of the number of staff employed in them. Our research identified 21 Care Homes of varying sizes in Halstead and local villages. They provide care and supervision to 429 residents, and employ 625 members of staff. WOW! This really surprised us.

We presented every Home with a Framed Certificate saying "Thank You", and every member of staff with a potted plant as a very small, but genuine, expression of our thankfulness.

To be truthful, the cost of this was greater than we had initially imagined, but having set off on the road to deliver this project, we saw it through to the end. Thanks to personal gifts from our Rotary members, and funds from Halstead Rotary's Charity Fund, and a generous Grant from Halstead Town Council, we delivered what we promised - a huge floral Thank You to all our local residential home carers.

David Ainge
Secretary
The Rotary Club of Halstead



Report from Halstead Roadrunners

First of all we would like to say thank you to the town council for supporting the Halstead marathon once again this year, our grant monies were put towards the purchase of 30 food safe water containers to be used for runners' drinks at our 5 water stations on the marathon course, this will reduce our carbon footprint.

Normally we would use hundreds of plastic bottles, these containers will eliminate having to use all those bottles, also the containers can be used again next year and so on, once again thank you for the continued support.

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Dear Sarah,

Further to your e.mail of 19th April regarding the Halstead Town Council grant in 2021 to Halstead u3a.

First, I would like to thank the Council for their support which is very much appreciated.

The Halstead u3a had planned to use the money for publicity and a 'Welcome Day' which had been due to be held in November 2021. But like everything at the time it had to be put on hold. Now we are back to some semblance of normality, we are looking to November this year, when the Grant can be used.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Bourchier".

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Grant to Brownies, Guides and Rainbows

The grant was used for the hall rent for last year for 2nd Halstead brownies 1st Halstead Rainbows and 5th Halstead trinity guides 180 pounds each units

Thanks it made a lot of help to all three units.

Thanks

Guide leader Margaret.

Message from British Legion

It is with great regret that I have had to step down as the Branch Secretary of the Halstead Royal British Legion due to their accounting methods with the Lottery Funding and as a result I am not able to either produce or comment on HTC funding in the capacity of a Legion representative.

I am sorry for that, because the Town Council Funding has provided the Branch with a beautiful branded marquee, but I have advised them that they should thank the town council and try to get a photo of the marquee with some representatives of the town in the local press. I hope that helps.

Message from EC2K

They have not yet spent the grant, but will let us know when they do