SUMMARY OF SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS - SEPTEMBER 2023

Name of Group	Brief Description of event, activity or project	Amount Requested
AFC Newbiggin Football Club	The Club have requested funding to support set up costs for 3 junior teams and kit, footballs and training equipment required along with additional requirements for already established teams. The Football Club is based at Newbiggin Sports & Community Hub. Due to the location, they are well placed and cater for Ashington and Newbiggin, with about a 50/50 split of members from both towns. The Club Currently has £500 funding in hand and hope to raise a further £3,500 for 2023/24. Balance in bank at 1st May £831.59.	£500.00
Ashington Panto Group	The group have requested the sum of £500 to help support costs of costume hire, sound and lighting equipment and insurance. The group put on a Panto every year, keeping their ticket price low for everyone. 80-85% of the members are from Ashington. Funding currently in hand £5,331.63. Anticipated income from tickets and raffle tickets £4,000. Expenditure £4,969.	£500.00
Ashington Royal Voluntary Service Social Centre	The RVS has requested the sum of £500 to cover the cost of new volunteer uniforms. Their current bank balance is £5,164.01 and they would like to keep these funds for client activities and refreshments. The Centre has 10 clients, 75% are from Ashington. Expected income £300 and expected expenditure is £594.	£500.00
Blossoming Communities	Blossoming Communities deliver opportunities for people finding life harder than normal. They may be suffering from low mood, stress, anxiety or dealing with bereavement. The group have requested £500 to cover the costs of arts and crafts materials for the wellbeing arts and crafts workshops they are running in Hirst Pavilion weekly. They spend an average of £20 a week on resources, this grant would help sustain the group for 6 months. Income and expenditure £60k. Current bank balance £3,820.66.	£500.00
Encore Panto Group	We are a voluntary, not for profit community group who perform an annual Pantomime at the end of November. This is our third year and we are currently establishing a permanent home at Pegswood Welfare Activity Centre, Pegswood. We are cosmetically enhancing the stage area and have secured a portable Truss, which we have erected and sound equipment. The core has a group of 20 volunteers, a quarter of which come from Ashington, more in the panto season. Income from ticket sales and fundraising is £3,739.12 and expenditure is £2845.95	£395.95

Friends of Ashington Community Woods	The volunteers are seeking major funding to refresh and update an area that was planted with a mix of trees between 15 and 20 year ago, and is now beginning to mature. The species planted include Oak, Ash, Beech, Scots Pine and Birch, with some new planting that has taken place in the past six months but is yet to become established. As part of the project the group are requesting £500 to cover the cost of 20 galvanised tree guards to protect the newly planted trees from deer. The groups current bank balance is £6,477, however, £1,060 is restricted for the Hedge laying competition and Woodland Development Grant. Income £250 and expenditure insurance.	
Seaton Hirst Veterans Institute	The group have requested the sum of £500 to help offset the costs of rising utility bills, enabling them to keep membership fees at a reasonable level. The group currently has 62 members and 8 volunteers. They also support 4 teams who play in the Ashington and District Snooker League. Income from subscription, table use and polling station hire, £5,200, expenditure £5,900.	£500.00
Pride Action North	Northumberland Pride Limited t/a Pride Action North is based in Ashington and was set up in August 2017. The charity was set up by a group of dedicated volunteers who wanted to see visibility for LGBTQIA+ people in Northumberland and importantly support them as a long-term goal. Pride Action North have requested the sum of £500 for replacement panels for their gazebos for use at events. The new panels would have their new logo and ATC if supported. Current funds £120,756. Income £214, 630 and expenditure £166,250	£500.00
Wansbeck Christmas Toy Appeal	This is a constituted group who fundraise in order to collect and buy presents for families who struggle at Christmas across the Wansbeck Constituency. We work with Social Services, schools, and health visitors in order to identify families in need. We also offer a self-referral system for families who feel they need help. £500 has been requested which will be matched up to children in Ashington and used to fund the purchase presents for them. The money will be used to buy gifts for the children. Current bank balance £886.3. Income £2986.32 and expenditure £2,000.	£500.00
Climate Action Wansbeck	To work with Wansbeck Road Allotment to establish a community orchard. To provide edging, weed membrane, and gravel for paths. Once established it is expected to have community open days. ATC could fund the purchase of consumables in lieu of the grant.	£500.00