



Here are just a few things to consider when making an application for funding or suggesting a project that will benefit the community at large.

Ask for help to do something specific as opposed to just a general request for funding, be it the purchase of new equipment or to enable an event to take place.

Give some background about your club or organisation, how long it has been established, how often it meets and how many members it has.

Don't seek to big a slice of the pie, you can always come back for "seconds" after a twelve month interval.

Outline what you have been doing to help yourself, after all support is more likely to be forthcoming if it is by way of assistance rather than the easy route whilst you do nothing.

Say how many people will likely benefit from the donation and exactly how it will be used, we will require proof later.

Please provide full contact details in case clarification on any point is sought. If you prefer, there is no need to provide bank details until you know that the application has been successful but the charity will need them in order to make payment.

Lastly, the balance of the profit made in the charity shop has provided scholarships that will enable students to study for masters degrees in sustainable fishing, sustainable farming and sustainable water management at UK universities.

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## ***Village Group News*** Issue 1

This newsletter has been written to be used in conjunction with the form that needs to be completed when seeking funding from The Village Group for money that will hopefully make a positive contribution to your club or organisation by way of purchasing much needed equipment or supporting a specific event or activity.

All of the money made available for distribution to groups or used to benefit the community at large in South Woodham Ferrers has been raised by Mister Gees Foundation through the charity shop on Warwick Parade.

As a registered charity the foundation must submit audited accounts to the commissioners each year and be able to verify just how every donation made has been used.

In order for the foundation to do this you must agree to acknowledge any sum received by returning the section at the bottom of the letter sent by The Village Group to notify a successful application, duly signed by an officer or committee member and produce evidence showing how the money was used in timely manner.

By way of a further paper trail and check, going forward the foundation will only transfer money electronically into the bank account of the group or organisation, or make direct payments for community projects.

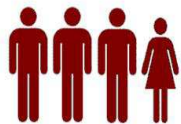


As mentioned on the previous page, since all of the money made available for distribution by The Village Group is raised by the shop on Warwick Parade, over forty thousand pounds to date, your continued support is essential in order to ensure that this income stream does not dry up.

Apart from the obvious ways of donating any saleable unwanted items that you may have and popping in to see just what is available for sale in the shop from time to time there is another even more positive route.

The main difference between Mister Gees Foundation charity shop and most others is the simple fact that not less than fifty percent of the profit made there is given back to South Woodham Ferrers and the more it can get this message across the greater the support it will generate from local residents. Please send through full details of exactly how any money received has been spent and accompany it with photographs that can be used on the TV display in store and on the website.

Regretfully to date feedback has been woefully thin on the ground so hopefully once you have been given support you will do your bit to enable other applicants to become successful and ensure funds are available if you return for a second bite of the cherry.



***Mister Gees***

*Foundation*

Registered Charity No. 1181204

## ***Case Study :***

### **South Woodham Ferrers Community Coffee Club (No need to be lonely)**

The Community Coffee Club is now able to open its doors each week free of charge thanks to funding from The Village Group. It meets every Tuesday at South Woodham Ferrers village hall from 12:00 'til 15:00.

The brainchild of Maureen McCabe, a local resident who has worked in the care sector for many years, the club now has approximately forty members and serves between thirty and thirty five freshly cooked meals each week for only three pounds fifty pence as well as a selection of cakes, fresh fruit and hot drinks for one pound.

The club has monthly fundraising evenings at a local wine bar and weekly raffles in the hall to boost funds.

All in all this group has proven to be a great success and the free membership continues to grow attracting people of all ages and abilities, so why not pop in and see for yourself, after all there's no need to be lonely.

