

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 too 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 or how the community at large will likely benefit from the donation and how it will be used.

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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Beneficiary News Issue 2

This newsletter has been written to be used in conjunction with the form that needs to be completed when seeking funding from Mister Gees Foundation 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 providing a receipt duly signed by an officer or committee member as soon as the money appears on your bank statement. You may be asked to produce evidence showing how the money was used if requested by the trustees or charity commissioners.

By way of a further paper trail and check, 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 in South Woodham Ferrers is raised by the shop on Warwick Parade, over one hundred fifty 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.



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Case Study :

South Woodham Ferrers Station Adopters

The Station Adopters has been in existence for over ten years and is currently a group of four men and four women.

Our aim is to enhance and maintain the railway station environment at a very high standard for the benefit of first time visitors, occasional travellers and regular commuters.

As well as daily litter picking and cultivating the garden areas, the lawns and planters are also regularly tended.

Major long term projects undertaken include a history board, a defibrillator linked to the national system, two wall murals, a chilled water dispenser that offers free refills to all and our latest addition, a talking bench that gives a brief history of the station and the branch line.

In the waiting room there are books to read, old photographs of the station and even an “authentic replica” 1889 G.E.R clock, albeit battery powered not clockwork.

Much of the above would not have been possible without help from Mister Gees Foundation which has participated in shared funding with the Essex & Suffolk Community Rail partnership.

