

	Andover Town Council To receive and approve a Revenue Grant application from: Ignite Your Power CIC for £2,750.00	Item No. X
	Produced for: Community & Events Committee	By: Community and Events Officer

Name of applicant Organisation:	Ignite Your Power CIC
Amount requested:	£2,750.00
Subject of application:	Safe & Social: Personal Safety Coffee Mornings for 55yrs+

Summary of Safe & Social: Personal Safety Coffee Mornings for 55yrs+

Location of Project / Event:	Local community centres across Andover ensuring accessibility to those who wish to attend.
Date of project / event / purchase of asset:	Dates are flexible however 01/05/2026 – 30/04/2027
Project description:	<p>The grant will be used to deliver “Safe & Social: Personal Safety Coffee Mornings for 55+”-a series of monthly, community-based sessions across Andover, designed to empower older residents with practical self-defence skills and personal safety awareness in a friendly, social setting.</p> <p>Project Overview: They will run 10 monthly sessions at local community centres, timed to coincide with existing coffee mornings to maximize accessibility and participation.</p> <p>Each session will feature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert-led self-defence instruction (focusing on simple, effective techniques suitable for older adults -no striking or high-impact moves) • Personal safety awareness talks (covering prevention, situational awareness, and scam avoidance) • Distribution of personal safety alarms to all attendees, providing a practical tool for increased confidence and security • Opportunities for social interaction, peer support, and Q&A <p>The project will be promoted in partnership with community centre staff, local Councillors, and existing coffee morning organisers to ensure broad reach and engagement.</p> <p>The grant will specifically fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor fees for session delivery • Venue hires for community centres • Personal safety alarms for participants • Refreshments for attendees

- Project coordinator time for planning, partnership building, and outreach
- Marketing materials (flyers, educational handouts, pull-up banner)

This initiative directly benefits Andover’s older community by improving their confidence, wellbeing, and personal safety, while fostering social connection and community resilience.

Information supplied on the application form

Which groups of people will benefit & how many people will benefit?

10 attendees per session x 10 sessions = 100 participants

Does the Organisation work solely for the Benefit of Andover?

While Ignite Your Power CIC delivers some projects across wider Hampshire, Andover is our primary focus area. As a local resident, Charlotte is committed to supporting the Andover community, and currently, approximately 50% of their projects are delivered solely within Andover. The remaining 50% serve other areas in Hampshire, such as Romsey, Gosport, and Basingstoke.

Typical reach and beneficiaries:

Across all projects, we regularly support around 500–600 individuals per year.

Of these, 250–300 are Andover residents participating in our local programs, workshops, and events.

The Andover sessions are open to all eligible residents, with a particular emphasis on women, families, and (for this project) older adults aged 55+.

By focusing this grant application on the “Safe & Social” project, they aim to further expand their impact specifically within Andover and ensure the greatest benefit to the local community.

Total project amount

£2,750 initially with a view to increase and extend this project.

Financial breakdown of costs

Please find the supporting document outlining the breakdown of costs [here](#).

<p>Have previous grants been awarded by ATC</p>	<p>No, however Charlotte Male who is the Founder of Ignite Your Power CIC was encouraged by Andover Town Councillors to apply for funding for this project as it aligns with Andover Town Councils key areas of focus.</p>
<p>What is the long term goal for this project? Revenue grant Statement:</p>	<p>The Community and Events Officer spoke with Charlotte, who expressed that Ignite Your Power CIC would like to offer this service to the community on a long-term basis, subject to future funding availability. The Officer advised that, should the project prove successful and beneficial to residents, it would be possible to submit a grant renewal application partway through its delivery. Andover Town Council's objectives include providing targeted support for residents and ensuring the town remains a safe and welcoming place for all. This project aligns strongly with those priorities, while also addressing key areas such as physical wellbeing, reducing social isolation, and promoting community resilience. Additionally, as Ignite Your Power CIC is a notforprofit organisation, the project can be delivered in a costeffective and sustainable way.</p>
<p>Other Funding applied for:</p>	<p>Not at this stage due to many grants not covering staffing costs. This project requires trained professionals to deliver the training.</p>
<p>Has this project met all funding criteria set out within the Grants Policy?</p>	<p>Yes. This application is a fit for the revenue grants policy and it's main priorities.</p>
<p>Any other useful information?</p>	<p>Ignite your Power CIC's approach is designed specifically for inclusivity - removing financial, physical, and social barriers to participation.</p> <p>Key points that support this application:</p> <p>Community-Driven: They already work closely with local community centres, Councillors, and grassroots groups, ensuring our sessions are accessible, well-attended, and tailored to local needs.</p> <p>Addressing Local Priorities: The "Safe & Social" project directly supports Andover Town Council's priorities of making Andover a welcoming, safe, and well-cared-for town, and providing targeted support for residents.</p>

	<p>Proven Engagement: Our programs consistently receive positive feedback for their friendly, welcoming atmosphere and practical impact—especially in increasing confidence and reducing isolation among older residents.</p> <p>Sustainability: By equipping participants with knowledge, confidence, and practical tools (such as safety alarms), the project delivers lasting benefits beyond each session.</p> <p>Experienced Delivery: As a qualified instructor with deep roots in the community, Charlotte is committed to ensuring sessions are safe, enjoyable, and genuinely empowering for all.</p> <p>Grant Accountability: We have robust systems in place for monitoring attendance, collecting feedback, and reporting on outcomes, ensuring full transparency and value for public funds.</p> <p>We are excited for the opportunity to partner with Andover Town Council to make a positive, measurable difference for older residents across the community</p>
<p>Recommendations</p>	<p>To receive the application report and all supporting documentation</p> <p>To discuss the application</p> <p>To approve the application</p>