



Andover Town Council

To **receive** and **approve** a grant application from:
Spotlight UK is applying for a large grant for an ongoing project.

Item No.

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Produced for: Community & Events Committee	By: Community and Events Officer	Date of Report: 16 th March 2026
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Name of applicant Organisation:	Spotlight UK
Amount requested:	£2,880.00
Subject of application:	Scarlett's Smiles

Summary

Location of Project / Event:	Venues in Andover such as Places Leisure and Riverside Activity Zone.
Date of project / event / purchase of asset:	13 th April 2026 – 13 th April 2027

Project description:	<p>Spotlight UK want to provide a fun weekly discounted activity including bowling, swimming, laser tag for 20 children per week who have been referred to us from local schools and social workers (80 per month) to help to improve mental health and to create new positive memories.</p> <p>We would like to apply for £3 per child per week towards the cost of the activity and then the child/parent/carer will pay the difference to contribute towards the cost.</p> <p>They want to offer the opportunity for peer support and the chance to work with our youth workers so young people can build strong positive relationships and gain positive role models.</p>
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Information supplied on the application form

Which groups of people will benefit & how many people will benefit?	This will benefit just children from Andover, and Spotlight UK will work with 80 children per month.
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Does the Organisation work solely for the Benefit of Andover?	Spotlight UK works across Hampshire and Berkshire and currently supports just over 3000 children and families.
What evidence of need for the project, activity, event, equipment or service has been provided within the application?	<p>Spotlight primarily work with children affected by domestic abuse, young carers, children in care, children affected by loss and separation, children with long term disabilities, mental health issues or terminal illness, low income families, and children who have a parent/carer/sibling with long term disabilities, mental health issues or terminal illness.</p> <p>It is well known that activities like the ones outlined above as part of this project not accessible to these young people and as a result they miss out on these types of interactions and activities.</p>
Total project amount	£4,800
Financial breakdown of costs	As above.
Have previous grants been awarded by ATC	Yes
Have all previous grant reports been received?	Yes
Other Funding applied for:	No
Have all required documents been received?	Yes
Has this project met all funding criteria set out within the Grants Policy?	Yes
Any other useful information?	Spotlight UK has 15 volunteers, no full-time paid staff and only 4 part-time staff.
Recommendations	To receive the application report and all supporting documentation

	To discuss the application To approve the application
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