



Andover Town Council

To **receive** and **approve** a grant application from:
 Andover Community Engage
 For
 Rediscovering Purpose Project

Item No.

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Name of applicant Organisation:	Andover Community Engage
Amount requested:	£1,000
Subject of application:	Rediscovering Purpose

Summary

Location of Project / Event:	13-17 Bridge street Andover SP101BE
Date of project / event / purchase of asset:	March 16th, 2026 – March 16th, 2027 This is a 12-month pilot project.
Project description:	

Information supplied on the application form

Which groups of people will benefit & how many people will benefit?	This is aimed at adults in Test Valley who are economically inactive due to long-term illness, disability, caring responsibilities, mental health challenges or significant life disruption. With economic inactivity and long-term illness at record levels nationally, many adults are not ready for formal employment but are experiencing isolation, loss of routine, reduced confidence and declining wellbeing. The pilot scheme aims to support approximately 12 people.
Does the Organisation work solely for the Benefit of Andover?	Yes, Andover Community Engage serves people within Andover and their location sits in the centre of the town centre with excellent transport links allowing people from across Andover a safe and welcoming space to attend.

<p>What evidence of need for the project, activity, event, equipment or service has been provided within the application?</p>	<p>With economic inactivity and long-term illness at record levels nationally, many adults are not ready for formal employment but are experiencing isolation, loss of routine, reduced confidence and declining wellbeing.</p> <p>There is a clear gap between employment and crisis support services.</p> <p>Rediscovering Purpose provides a safe, flexible and dignified pathway back into meaningful participation.</p> <p>ACE have reported an increase in being contacted by Adult Services and other referral partners seeking appropriate volunteering opportunities for individuals who require additional structure and support to engage safely.</p> <p>Standard volunteering routes can feel overwhelming for those with fluctuating health or reduced confidence. This programme responds directly to that identified need.</p>
<p>Total project amount</p>	<p>£4,543.92</p>
<p>Financial breakdown of costs</p>	<p>Please refer to the supporting document by clicking on this link and the budget breakdown can be found on page 4.</p>
<p>Have previous grants been awarded by ATC</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Have all previous grant reports been received?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Other Funding applied for:</p>	<p>Yes, ACE Have also applied for funding from:</p>

	<p>TVBC multi-ward - £2,000</p> <p>ATC - £1,000</p> <p>ACE Contribution (time, infrastructure, delivery & other) - £1,543.92</p>
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?	The Supporting document attached here will provide members with more information.
Recommendations	<p>To receive the application report and all supporting documentation</p> <p>To discuss the application</p> <p>To approve the application</p>