

MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL SMALL GRANTS AVAILABLE

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows the Parish Council to spend a limited amount on activities for which it has no specific power, but which the authority considers 'will bring direct benefit to the area, or any part of it or all of some of its inhabitants'. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 added the requirement that the benefit obtained should be commensurate with the expenditure incurred. Marldon Parish Council has budgeted £1500 in total for this Financial year but has access to additional funds if needs be

The criteria by which Marldon Parish Council will consider making such payments is as set out in the adopted Grants policy

1 Donation requests will be judged against Section 137 of the Local Government Act except where an alternative regulation is more appropriate.

2 The maximum amount which the council may spend under section 137 in any one financial year is determined by the number of people on the electoral role multiplied by a cash value provided from the relevant Government department.

3 All applications must be submitted in writing along with any documentation requested

4 Requests for Grants & Donations are only applicable to the financial year in which the request is made and a new request needs to be submitted each financial year. The Parish financial year runs from 1st April to 31st March.

5 The Parish Council considers requests as an agenda item at a full Parish Council meeting.

6 It will help the request if the applicant indicates the level and number of Parish residents that the organisation benefits.

7 Requests may be considered more favourably if the donation is to be used to purchase a specific item or service which would not be provided if the donation was not given.

8 It is unlawful for the council to contribute to a charity or public service body established to help persons outside of the UK.

9 The Parish Council's decision is final.

10. The Parish Council would ask for written confirmation within 12 months , that the funds have been spent in the appropriate manner

The grant application closing date is **30th September 2024,**
for consideration at the October 2024 meeting
Cheques to be issued in November 2024

Please contact the Clerk for an application form by emailing
clerk.rfo@marldonparishcouncil.gov.uk or phoning 01364 631031