

## Focus on Community Transport

The theme for this year is Community Transport. 30% of the grant budget will go to projects on this theme which have the backing of the local community and which meet proven needs.

Examples of projects, which could be supported, include:

- Providing safe transport for young people in rural areas, such as a visit to the cinema, arts centre, skate parks etc.
- Provide transport for communities to access venues or towns within Wychavon where bus routes are infrequent.
- Assist in setting up a transport co-ordinator role within a village cluster to maximise community transport opportunities.
- Organise a community transport service for young people during school holidays to allow them to visit summer events in the town parks.
- Improve co-ordination of information relating to community transport.

**Don't worry if your project does not come within this theme as 70% of the total budget is still available for other schemes.**

## how to apply

Grant Application Packs are only available during March and April. If you would like to apply for a grant or need more information, please contact us for a Pack by:-

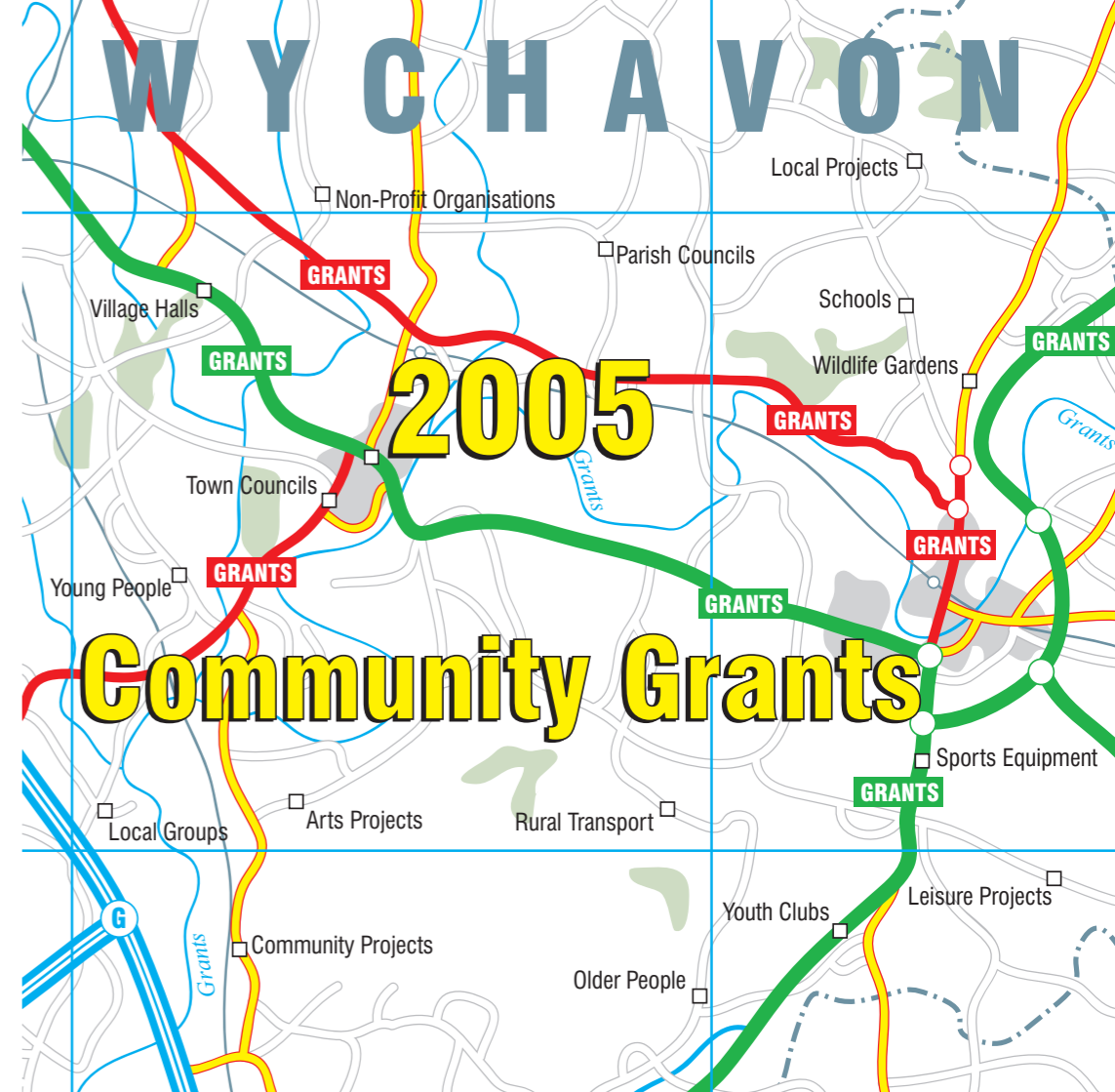
- Visiting the Civic Centre, Pershore, or Droitwich Community Contact Centre, Droitwich Spa, or Evesham Community Contact Centre, Evesham
- Telephoning Michelle Porter on 01386 565183
- Writing to Michelle Porter, Community Services, Wychavon District Council, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 1PT
- E-mail to [michelle.porter@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.porter@wychavon.gov.uk)
- Visiting the Council's website at [www.wychavon.gov.uk](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk)

## help is at hand

Briefing sessions and a Grants Help Service is also in operation during March, April and May. Ring 01386 565183 for details.

**The closing date for applications is Noon on Tuesday, 31st May 2005.**

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Last year there was a pot of gold for 63 community organisations thanks to the Wychavon Grant Scheme.

## The 2005 Wychavon Community Grants scheme is now open!

We are offering grants to local voluntary groups and charitable organisations to:

- Support initiatives that improve services and facilities for the local community;
- Encourage local action to improve quality of life;
- Contribute towards the Council's overall priorities, as set out in the community plan.

So if you've got a good idea or are looking for some funding to help get a project off the ground, a Community Grant could be just what you need. Read on to find out how we can help turn your great ideas into reality!



## who can apply?

Applications for a grant are welcome from local groups and organisations. However, applications must be:-

- for projects costing over £100, up to a maximum of £10,000 (this will be the normal maximum amount. However for **exceptional** projects we may consider larger grants).
- for projects within the Wychavon District or for the benefit of Wychavon residents;
- from non-profit making organisations;
- from organisations that are not politically affiliated or politically active;
- for a specific local project if the application is from a national organisation or local branch of a national organisation.

Applications from **Parish or Town Councils** must be for substantial projects only, such as village halls, land purchases or Lottery bids. Applications from **religious organisations** must be for non-religious, community, leisure and recreational purposes only. Applications from **Schools** must be for projects with a wider community benefit that run outside of school hours. We will not fund curricular activities.

## what for?

In the past Wychavon Community Grants have been awarded to a wide range of projects and activities, such as setting up a new youth club, building a village hall, creating a community wildlife garden and sports and arts projects.

Whatever your project is, the most important things are that:-

- it meets a local need and benefits local residents;
- it has community support;
- it is well planned and involves as many local people as possible;
- you can meet the full costs of the project through grant aid, fundraising and other contributions.

Our funds are limited, so we particularly want to fund exciting, new projects that demonstrate all of the above and will make a lasting difference to the community.

