

Swale Borough Councillor's 'Members Grants'.

Each borough councillor has a member's grant of £2,400 to support local community projects. The grant scheme ran from May 2019 and ends on 28th February. These are the causes we supported this year:

The Autism Apprentice offers support to parents and carers of young people with extensive additional needs and disabilities on matters such as school, health and social care. (£500 from Tim.)

A grant of £500 was made to Faversham Swimming Pools to purchase a floating slide which is used to help teach children from 28 local schools to swim. (£500 each from Alastair and Tim.)

A project by SADETA helps to ensure that domestic abuse services are provided for the residents of Faversham and the surrounding villages. (£500 from Tim.)

Curly's legacy provides a small-holding and farm experience to vulnerable children. (£500 from Tim.)

The Harmony Therapy Trust provides free therapies to people suffering with serious life altering conditions (£200 from Tim).

The Raybel Trust are restoring the Raybel – a Thames barge built in Sittingbourne. She returned to Sittingbourne in the autumn. There are opportunities for volunteers from practical work to researching her history. (£200 from Tim).

In addition, the Selling Bee Friendly project has applied for an Environment Grant which is a separate grant scheme.

The Creed Outdoor Learning Trust works with around 4000 young people each year, of which around 2000 of those come from the Swale area. Schools from Sheppey, Sittingbourne, Faversham and the surrounding villages use the trust to get their young people outdoors and active which is proven to be good for their mental health and wellbeing. The activities motivate young people and teach them about life skills, such as teamwork, keeping safe, independence, building self-esteem and much more. (£500 from Alastair)

Hernhill Parish council are raising money for a defibrillator to be available in Dargate (£400 from Alastair)

Boughton Bowls club needed new signs so people could find them at their new site (£150 from Alastair)

PSBreastfeeding CIC supports breastfeeding: “ a valuable renewable natural resource that is the most ecologically sound food source available. It is produced and delivered to the consumer without using other resources, and creates no pollution” (£400 from Alastair)