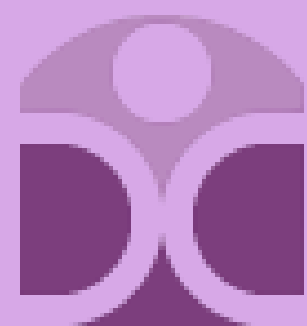


Supporting the local community



Derbyshire Dales
Council for Voluntary Service



What is the Better Derbyshire Dales Fund?

- A small grants scheme managed and administered by Derbyshire Dales CVS.
- Grants up to £1,000 revenue (running costs or consumables) or £3,000 capital to voluntary and community groups operating in the Derbyshire Dales.
- The fund is a mixture of money from the Derbyshire Dales District Council, Derbyshire County Council Public Health, and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board.
- It has been running since 2015 and each year there are quarterly rounds.

What can it fund?

Revenue costs up to £1,000 to include things like running costs, room hire, transport costs & sessional workers fees.

Capital costs up to £3,000 to include one-off expenses such as changes to buildings or outdoor space.



Who can apply?



Groups must: -

- Be a non-profit making voluntary sector organisation or community group that is based in and / or works in the Derbyshire Dales;
- Have an annual turnover of no more than £75,000 in your last financial year;
- Have a management committee;
- Have a bank account in the name of the organisation;
- Have a constitution or other form of governing document
- All applicants must have relevant and appropriate insurance for the group or activity.

Better Derbyshire Dales Fund

**Projects Supported by
Derbyshire County Council
Public Health 2025-26**



WIRKSWORTH COMMUNITY GROWERS

A community garden, that provides opportunities for local residents to grow fruit, veg and flowers in a cooperative way to help build a community

Awarded £475 in November 2025

Public Health Contribution £275

To replace unsafe retaining wall below the polytunnel using a local stonewaller.



HARTINGTON MAHJONG GROUP

This new group meet at Hartington village hall on Wednesdays and Fridays. It is open to all and there are members on hand to support new players.

Awarded £150 in November 2025 towards the venue hire cost and two new mahjong sets.

Public Health Contribution £100





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**MEN'S
SHEDS**

GRINDLEFORD MEN'S SHED

The first men's shed in the Derbyshire Dales. They already have 17 members from the local area

Awarded £243 in November 2025
towards insurance for this newly set up
group

Public Health Contribution £143

WINSTER & ELTON LUNCHEON CLUB



Awarded £1,000 to this rural weekly lunch club towards their annual running costs. **Public Health contribution £450**



Wild Roots Creative CIC, aim to support people's health and wellbeing through a variety of crafts and creative opportunities.

Capital items for new session working in conjunction with Wirksworth Mental Health Initiative.

Total allocated funding: £2,200 in May 2025

**Allocation of Public Health funding:
£1,000**


Wild Roots
Creative

**BDDF funded
projects 2025/26**

A map of the Peak District area in Derbyshire, England, showing the boundaries of various BDDF funded project areas for 2025/26. The boundaries are marked with thick pink lines. The map includes labels for numerous towns and villages within these areas.

Tideswell Hathersage
Grindleford Calver
Eyam Litton Froggatt
Youlgreave Baslow
Tansley
Grt Longstone Bakewell Wensley
Stanton in the Peak
Flagg Matlock
Bradwell Darley Dale
Hartington Winster
Bonsall
Parwich Wirksworth
Carsington
Ashbourne Hognaston
Clifton
Boylestone Cubley
Doveridge Sudbury



**So, what
difference
does the
funding
make?**

Winster & Elton Luncheon Club

In August 2024, a new member joined the Club following two strokes and a serious fall, which severely affected her mobility. Initially wheelchair-dependent, she now walks with assistance to and from the building. She feels the Club has greatly improved her mobility and wellbeing, while providing her husband with valuable respite and reassurance.

Grindleford Men's Shed

The BDDF grant helped cover essential first-year costs, particularly insurance costs. Grindleford Mens Shed now has 20 members and regularly receive enquiries from prospective members. Our members tell us that they are benefiting from social contact, the exchange of ideas and sharing of skills; working together on practical projects; and doing useful things for the local community.

Hartington Mahjong Group

The group started with 5 members and has now grown to 16 members. There are examples of individuals who are definitely better connected into the village and other events having used Mahjong as a gateway activity. There is one lady - from a nearby village - whose husband died 2 years ago and who is now a regular attendee and who has built good connections and relationships in the village that she did not have previously.

We are very grateful to Derbyshire County Council Public Health for their continued support with funding for the Better Derbyshire Dales Fund grant scheme. Recent new guidance has focused the criteria of their spending on the following:



- Projects should strengthen the local community, and improve the health and wellbeing of residents within the Derbyshire Dales.
- Funding is intended for one-off projects or start-ups, not ongoing funding.

If you would like to know more or to request
an application form and guidelines please

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