



# Madeley Parish Council

## Donations & Fundraising Policy

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### 1. Introduction

- This policy outlines Madeley Parish Council's approach to donations and fundraising, ensuring compliance with relevant legal frameworks and ethical standards.
- The Council commits to transparent, responsible, and ethical conduct in all donation and fundraising activities.

### 2. Scope

- This policy applies to all donations and fundraising activities undertaken by or on behalf of the Council.

### 3. Principles

- All activities will be for the community's benefit, without discrimination or favouritism.
- Adherence to the General Power of Competence (GPC) as set out in the Localism Act 2011 and the Local Government Act 1972 is essential.

### 4. Eligibility for Donations

- Consideration for donations will be given to groups, charities, or initiatives that benefit the local community.
- Requests must be in writing, detailing purpose and community impact.
- Donations to individuals are prohibited unless there is a clear community benefit.

### 5. Fundraising Activities

- The Council may engage in fundraising activities that align with its objectives and community benefit.
- Activities must be lawful, ethical, and conducted with transparency.
- Adherence to the UK Government's six principles of fundraising is mandatory.

### 6. Decision Making

- Decisions on donations and fundraising will be made in full Council meetings and recorded in the minutes for public transparency.

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## 7. Monitoring and Review

- The Council will monitor the effectiveness of these activities and review this policy bi-annually.

## 8. Transparency and Accountability

- Accurate records of all donations and fundraising activities will be maintained.
- An annual report on these activities, including amounts and beneficiaries, will be published.

## 9. Compliance with GPC Eligibility

- The Council will ensure it meets the GPC eligibility criteria, including a qualified clerk and the required number of elected councillors.
- Eligibility will be reviewed at each relevant annual meeting and documented in the Council's annual meeting minutes.

Madeley Parish Council Fundraising and Donations policy objectives:

1. **Community Development:** Supporting projects enhancing community facilities and services, including health and social care.
2. **Environmental Sustainability:** Promoting environmentally sustainable practices within the community.
3. **Social and Health Inclusion:** Encouraging initiatives for social inclusion and support for residents with health challenges, like families dealing with rare diseases or illnesses.
4. **Cultural and Recreational Activities:** Backing cultural, artistic, and recreational activities enriching community life.
5. **Local Economic Growth:** Encouraging projects contributing to the local economy and community vitality.
6. **Community Welfare and Support:** Offering aid in exceptional circumstances to individuals or families facing significant health or social challenges.

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