



Sleaford Speaks Participatory Budgeting Voting Event

Project One - St Deny's Bears - **£500**

We are a Parent and Toddler Group called St Denys Bears and we are supported by St Denys Church, Sleaford. We have been a Parent and Toddler group for many years and our group has a very good reputation in the town. We have a group of helpers/volunteers and most are part of the St Denys Congregation.

The Group Leaders and helpers are all volunteers and have all had police clearance and have taken part in the course run by the Lincoln Diocese Safeguarding Team. It is a popular group with the Mums, Dads and Guardians who attend. We have almost full books as we can only have 20 Children at a time in the Church Hall where we meet. We meet once a week on a Tuesday morning in term time.

We would very much like a corporate activity at the end of the morning when the ride on cars are out and balls and skittles and parachute, it would be really good to have a toddler climbing frame. It would encourage playing together at the end of the morning after all of the other activities such as playing, snack time, story time and singing and musical instruments have finished. To bring all the Children together for the end of the session. We could also look to replace some of our older toys.

Project Two Riverside Ducklings - **£2,000**

We intend to Replace and upgrade all equipment after covid storage. We will replace all storage, replace and upgrade all the toys, replenish, replace and upgrade our craft supplies and finally replace all the items used to provide a drink and snack during the group.

This will allow us to make sure the group continues with excellent equipment to continue to provide the group. Our group provides a safe place for children to come with their parents/ carers to learn social skills and to participate in an EYFS activity. It also provides a place for those parents/carers to come to chat with other adults and know that there is a place to have a chat which we find is very good for everyone's mental health and has been lacking during Covid.

Project Three - Sleaford New Life Community Larder - £3,000

New Life Community Larder is part of Sleaford New Life Church which provides many different community activities for Sleaford. Access is available to all with exception.

The funding will be used initially to support start-up costs for a new simple community grocery store. We are taking over 7 units in Riverside Precinct in Sleaford to launch various community initiatives. Other planned activities will shortly follow including a community hub for young persons, and Community Cafe will be launched in the summer. We will be inviting many different community groups to hold pop up/ drop-in sessions for the local community to attend.

Project Four - Sleaford Women's Safety Group £3,000

We are currently in the process of becoming a constituted group. We would like to put on self-defence classes for our members. This will help our members with their confidence as well as safety as many of our members are survivors of abuse and/or harassment.

We would also like to produce a community art project to spread awareness and start conversations about sexual harassment within our community. We want to help our members with their confidence, give them a sense of community, support and safety.

We want to challenge inappropriate behaviour and attitudes towards women and girls within and around Sleaford.

Project Five - Slea Paddlers Canoe and Kayak Club £1,888

The club provides kayak, canoe and SUP river and pool session through the year. We are open to paddlers of all abilities from the age of 8 years.

The application is to provide 3 x river sessions for up to 14 people free of charge. This will include 2 x coaches to introduce attendees to paddling and progress their skills. The application will also fund the hire of a minibus to get people to and from the location, again for free.

Additionally to support clear progression of learning stand up board skills we would like to include in the application the opportunity to purchase 2 x touring boards, benefiting this project and club members

Project Six - Sleaford Salvation Army Stay and Play Group - £500

Stay and Play is a community group for Sleaford and surrounding villages to provide social time for children 0-4+ & parent/carers.

The funding will be used for

- New toys - additional and replacement
- Craftwork supplies
- Baby equipment
- Storage boxes
- One table Play mats

The aspirations of the group are to provide a place for 0-4+ children to freely play and meet other children. They have the opportunity to learn new skills and interact socially.

Be it story time, singing, play dough etc. Learning to use one's imagination and communicate with others is key to being together. The adults also, can make friends, sharing a laugh or problem together.

Project Seven - Rainbow Stars - £3,000

Rainbow Stars was started 8 years ago for children and adults with Autism to have a safe place for them just to be themselves. We have daily activities cooking, craft, sensory, and after school club and Sibling's night and Manic Monday we support families to meetings we also help fill in benefit forms and give members training so they can get back into work if they want help. We have 14 volunteers who all have children who are Autistic or have additional needs.

The funds will be used to get a new kitchen and fully working equipment. ie built in oven and hob. New kitchen cupboards that will provide more storage breakfast bar and work tops separate sink for hand washing for

people in wheelchairs so they can take part in the cooking sessions. We also need new fridge freezer for fresh food and frozen food so we can bulk buy items in for the cooking. We also need a built-in bin have asked for washing machine so members can wash and dishwasher for hygiene.

Project Eight - Church Lane Primary School and Nursery - **£3,000**

We are wanting to provide a movie night for the whole school community. The funds will go towards the cost to hire an outdoor cinema screen and marquee. By providing this night we are hoping to bring the whole school together and encourage/enable families to spend time together that does not cost a lot so we can be inclusive to all.

We are aiming to encourage families to spend more time together and to get out of the house and spend time with others. This can be a heavy financial burden to families and is not classed as a necessity to many, so as part of us supporting our children and families we would like to put on regular events where we can all come together and enjoy socialising, communication skills, confidence etc, whilst ensuring the cost is as low as possible so all families have the opportunity to partake.

Project Nine - 3rd Sleaford (St Denys) Scout Group - **£723**

The 3rd Sleaford scout group has been an established part of the town since 1947 (in its current form, a group has existed previously). We are a charity registered group and part of the Scout association. We provide activities and opportunities for young people, male and female, aged 6-18 on a weekly basis. Our group support young people from varied backgrounds, with no discrimination for age, ethnic background, ability, or religion.

Our scouts are attending Poacher 2022 International scout/guide camp this summer. The event held every 4 years with over 5000 young people from all over the world attending. We hope that after an uncertain few months & years a true spirit of peace, opportunity & more importantly international friendship can be built upon this year. We have 20 scouts attending Poacher spending 7 days away from home, so we require additional tents, tables and benches for them to be able to eat & sleep comfortably