

Clerks report

1st Pinhoe Scouts - Squirrels section

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Broadclyst Parish Council
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1. **Application details:**

A large grants application has been from the 1st Pinhoe Scout group for a grant of £600. This is towards set-up costs of a new section – Squirrels – for 4 to 6 year-olds.

2. **Criteria check:**

The Proper Officer confirms:

- a. the applying organisation meets the agreed criteria;
- b. the project meets the agreed criteria;
- c. it is likely that the grant will be spent within the required timescale;
- d. the Group has submitted all the requested accompanying documentation, copies of which are held on file.

3. **Evidence of need/community support?**

1st Pinhoe Scouts is well-established, providing scouting opportunities for all ages of young people living across the parish. Currently, it seems there are not many Squirrel Dreys within Exeter and East Devon, based on the available data. Therefore, the grant application for 1st Pinhoe Scouts to set up a new Squirrel Drey could be seen as addressing a significant need, helping to expand the provision of Scouting to younger children in this area where such opportunities are currently limited.

This initiative could greatly benefit the local community by providing early years scouting experiences to children in Broadclyst parish, potentially being one of the few options available in East Devon. Dreys offer a variety of activities and programs designed for children aged 4-6 years, helping them to learn new skills and engage with their local communities through scouting activities.

4. **Additional funding:**

The application form states that the group has allocated £400 from its funds to support the set-up of the Squirrel Drey.

5. **Balance of Broadclyst Community fund to date**

Date:	Group	Award	Balance
<i>Opening fund balance</i>	<i>Broadclyst Community Grant fund</i>		<i>£10,000</i>
April 2024	Broadclyst Fund	£2,000	£8,000
July 2024	Broadclyst Theatre Group	£2,000	£6,000

October 2024	Broadclyst VIPs	£349.00	£5,561
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6. Recommendation

To support the valuable work of the Scouting community:

- a. it is recommended that this application is approved in full at **£600**;
- b. that consideration is given to increasing the amount awarded so 1st Pinhoe can divert use of its own allocated funds,
- c. the Group is invited to attend a future meeting to report back to the council on the project.

This concludes my report

Angie Hurren, Broadclyst Parish Council Clerk

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