

## CAN DO Parish Fund Guidance Note for Parish Councils



Feedback from Parishes at CAN DO meetings and consultation events has indicated that many projects that support the aims of the CAN DO Partnership are or could be carried out in Parishes with the aid of a small amount of funding. The Partnership has set up the Parish Fund as a **one year pilot scheme** to enable Parish Councils and other community groups to facilitate such projects.

- Parish Councils are required to act as the applicant in **all** cases, whether the grant is to be used by the Council or another group within the community. If the application is on behalf of another community group, the Parish Council must assess the project before agreeing to make the application, and by applying for funds it will be deemed that the Council is in support of the proposal. Parish Councils therefore hold the right to refuse to apply for funding which they feel does not support the aims of the Partnership or will not have any lasting benefit to the community.
- Please consult the enclosed leaflet about the fund before completing an application form. The aims of the CAN DO Partnership are wide ranging and therefore it is hoped that the Fund can support a broad range of initiatives.
- If you, as the Parish Council are unsure about whether a project could be eligible for funding please contact Lyn Mansfield, Partnership Coordinator to discuss it.
- The Parish Fund will operate as a trial initially for one year after which progress will be reviewed by the CAN DO Partnership.

If you have any questions about the Parish Fund or the other activities of the CAN DO Partnership please contact:

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