

ALDBURY PARISH GRANTS - FULL REPORT

APC meeting 1st December 2025

Under Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 the maximum amount that APC can give in grants is £11.10 (2025/26 rate) x 723 which is the number of electors in the parish (as of 1st October 2025) = **£8,025.30**

Section 137 is only available where no other power exists.

The APC's allocated budget for this financial year is:

- **£700 to community groups applying under s137 – total applied for £500**
 - **£1,800 to parish hall committees applying under s133 – total applied for £1,400**
 - **£600 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard – total applied for £800**
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The Council had received the following applications:

1. **Tring Station Residents Association - applied for £400 towards the upkeep of the Iron Room Hall** – “The grant would be used towards the ongoing upkeep of the Iron Room. This year we have had the floor and skirting boards refurbished (repaired, sanded and varnished) and upgraded the lighting.”
2. **Baby and Toddler Group – applied for £500 (no grant given in 2024).** The grant would be spent on replenishing the group's craft equipment, outings, special events, refreshments and other costs.
3. **Friends of Aldbury School** – application not yet returned
4. **Aldbury Memorial Hall – applied for up to £1,000** – “An increase in the number of “bread and butter” bookings (ie non-film and elections) suggests the improvements are paying off in terms of boosting ongoing income. However the environment remains competitive and the trustees are looking at further work to enhance the hall's attractiveness as a venue. To that end they are planning to improve the lighting. Part of the plan is to increase the level of illumination adding extra lights but the key thrust is the installation of “smart lighting”. This will bring in the ability to provide coloured and sequenced lighting to improve the ambience for events such as parties and concerts.
The trustees have earmarked a budget of £2,500 for the work and are also investigating the prospect of installing solar panels on the roof at the back of the building. In consequence the trustees are seeking financial support from the Parish Council of up to £1,000.”
5. **Aldbury Church Bellringers** – asked for any donation towards remedial work of the Church bell.