



Sutton Benger Parish Council

HELP US SPEND
£24,000
ON OUR VILLAGE ARTS
PROJECTS



This is a proposal to develop and execute arts projects in Sutton Benger and Environs

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Find Funding

- DONE!!
- 24K IS AVAILABLE

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Develop Proposal

- THIS DOCUMENT SUMMARISES PROPOSAL

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Submit proposal to Wiltshire Council

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Setup Project

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Execute Project

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Close down project ensuring that legacy items have the support they need

Arts Funding

24K awarded as a result of the Redrow development 'The Park'

The money is held by Wiltshire Council and we are working with them on a plan to use the money to support arts in the village by 2023

We can use part of the money to buy in expertise and project management

The time and talents of villagers would be crucial to making it work

The grant comes with conditions

- Money should be spent on Sutton Benger and Environs
- Must be "*mutually acceptable to the developer, community and arts service*"
- Money is to be spent on Arts

Activity to date



Multiple meetings have been held with Wiltshire Council (Meril Morgan)



Historic data from surveys already carried out by WC have been analysed



A primary school survey was carried out



A questionnaire was done via Facebook, aimed primarily at younger people but open to all



A formal survey was completed by 25 people after being advertised in the Parish Magazine



Extensive word of mouth consultation

Results of Engagement



Wiltshire Council suggested a legacy to the village, such as a tapestry that would be on display for future generations, or a sculpture i.e. 'Golden Chicken'



A 'History Trail' celebrating the rich legacy of the village



Arts and Music festivals (popular with under 18s)



Re-instatement of Variety show and support for Amateur Dramatics



Procure equipment such as projector, sound system etc. that would be used to support ongoing performing arts



Arts and History Trail

A permanent history trail covering the key landmarks in the village and environs

An information board, somewhere accessible to all, highlighting key sites of historic interest. This board could be designed by local artists and school children.

History trail would be supported by simple maps, a website and also a local history area on Parish Council website

An exhibition of old photos would be part of the launch

A 'Chicken Trail' (similar to scarecrow format) for youngsters could become an annual fundraiser

Equipment

The Village Hall does have lighting, sound system and a stage

For events such as the Benger Blaze a professional sound system is hired

For events such as meetings, film clubs and parties Projectors and Screens are borrowed or hired

Suggestion is to review what is available with a view to supplementing it with new equipment or upgrading it

Equipment will be used by multiple user groups and village events

Benger Arts Festival (BARTS)

There was a lot of interest in various Arts, Music, Drama and Dance events, we have consolidated the ideas under the umbrella – the ‘Benger Arts Festival’ which would run over the summer.

The intention would be to organize a single event, that as well as providing a days entertainment, would seed support for other ongoing clubs and projects.

Benger Arts Festival (BARTS)



Arts and Crafts

To include art and craft displays and workshops involving local clubs



Drama and Dance

Workshops as part of the festival but with the aim to establish new clubs and support existing ones

Green Buttons is established in the Village already and would encourage new members to join.

There was interest from the under 18s in a drama club and increased provision of drama in the village.

There was a lot of enthusiasm to re-instate the Variety Show that was hugely popular in previous years and covers all sections and age groups within the community



Music

A festival programme of local bands and music to appeal to all ages



Choirs

Village Singers is our well established and highly regarded local choir

There is a primary age choir run through the church, this is well attended but needs support to carry on

Interest has been expressed in forming an inclusive choir open to all ages, enthusiastic shower singers and those who “can’t sing” but would like to share the joy and camaraderie of being in a choir. This might act as a feeder choir for the Village Singers

And now for something completely different...





Questions?
