

# Marchington Parish Council – Solar Fund Grants

## Applications Welcome at any time

Marchington Parish Council receives deed of benefit payments from the two solar farms located in the village. This income is expected to continue to 2026. Each year Marchington Parish Council agrees to set aside the majority of this income (approx. £7,000) to fund grant applications from groups and organisations within the parish for help with new projects.

It is at the Parish Councils discretion as to the level of this fund. The Parish Council retains the right to fund an application in full or part as they see fit. This fund is a finite resource.

### Eligibility

Applications are welcomed from groups and organisations that are based within the Parish.

### Assessment Criteria

- The applicant must be for a group or organisation based within the parish.
- The maximum amount that can be applied for is £1000.
- The group or organisation must be of benefit to the community.
- The application form must be filled in completely and all financial information correct.
- Applications must be presented by a Councillor on behalf of the group/organisation.
- The grant must be shown to be for a new project that will benefit the parish.

### Application Process

- Applications will only be considered when submitted on the grant application form that can be downloaded from [www.marchingtonparishcouncil.org/parish-council-documents](http://www.marchingtonparishcouncil.org/parish-council-documents)
- Applications can be made at any time throughout the year, but will only be considered at the next full council meeting.
- Applicants **MUST** get a current councillor to present and champion their application
- The applicant's champion must be able to explain what the applicant will do with the grant, who will benefit and how the applicant knows the work will be cost effective.
- The purpose for which the grant is made must be in the interest of the Marchington Parish (any part of it) and for all or some of the inhabitants of the Marchington area which is defined by the boundaries of the Parish Council
- The benefit to the community must be commensurate with the grant awarded.
- Notification of amount awarded will be after the meeting where the application is discussed.

### **Conditions of the award**

- The applicant must use the award only for purposes stated in your application and not for any other purpose.
- If successful a letter will be sent to the applicant by email. Payment of grants will be made in 1 payment usually in the meeting where the application is discussed.
- The Parish Council reserves the right to recall a grant not used for the purposes or within the conditions stated.
- The council will only consider one grant application per organisation per financial year unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- The Parish Council will publicise the amount of funding awarded to your project.
- Each application will be considered on its merit and the amount of the award will be at the discretion of the Parish Council.
- Grants awarded cannot be used for the upkeep of the fabric of any religious building.
- Applicants must return to council in the year after the grant was awarded (usually at the May meeting) and present to the council how the grant has been spent. Failure to do this may result in the grant needing to be repaid.

**Marchington Parish Council also has a small grant scheme to help with maintenance costs**

**This scheme is open from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> October each year.**

**Please choose carefully which grant to apply for.**