

Grindleford Goat Grant-Making Policy

1. Our Mission

The Grindleford Goat Charity provides grants to support projects that:

- Help community groups, improve services, and enhance facilities in Grindleford.
- Protect the local environment by encouraging sustainable practices and addressing climate change.

There is a bit more detail about this set out in our 'charitable objects' (formal words which the Charity Commission use for things a charity wants to support and encourage) on our website.

2. Who Can Apply?

Grants are open to community groups, charities, and local organisations.

If you're unsure whether your group qualifies, or you are an individual with a project in mind, just get in touch and we'll be happy to help.

3. What We Look For

Grants can be used for things like equipment and resources, community events, educational activities, and more. We're open to creative and innovative ideas that promote our mission.

We give preference to projects that:

- Clearly benefit Grindleford's community, environment, or services.
- Show potential for lasting, positive impact on the village or the environment.
- Have a realistic budget and timeline.

4. How Much Can You Apply For?

We are a small charity. The amount of grants will vary depending on the project's needs and available funds. We usually support projects with grants up to £1,000 but we may consider larger amounts.

5. How to Apply

- **Application:** You can download our grant application form from our website or contact us to request one. Alternatively, if you are applying for a grant of £200 or less, you could apply by email or letter, taking consideration of the matters set out in the application form.
- **Deadlines:** Applications should be submitted by
 - the third Monday in **December** for our review meeting in January (usually on the second Tuesday), or
 - the third Monday in **May** for our review meeting in June (usually on the second Tuesday).
 - In exceptional circumstances, applications may be considered at other times during the year.

- **Submit your application** – preferably by email (trustees@grindlefordgoat.co.uk) - by the deadline.

6. What Happens Next?

After you submit your application:

- We may contact you to discuss your application.
- We'll consider your application at our next review meeting.
- We'll inform you of our decision shortly after the meeting.

Grants are awarded entirely at the discretion of the trustees and their decision is final.

7. Funding and Follow-Up

If successful, we'll work with you to agree funding arrangements and payment.

- We may make the grant subject to conditions.
- We will ask you for a short final report at the end of the project, illustrating how the funds have benefitted your project.
- You are encouraged to acknowledge the support of the Grindleford Goat Charity in any publicity or promotions related to the project.
- To inspire other projects and show how the charity is using its funds we will normally put information about your project on our website.

8. Questions?

We're here to help! If you have any questions about the grant process or need assistance with your application, feel free to contact us.

9. Contact details: You can:

- email us at trustees@grindlefordgoat.co.uk
- write to us at Glenavon, Main Road, Grindleford S32 2JN
- contact one of our trustees (their names can be found on our website and you can contact them via our email address)

Our website: <https://grindlefordgoat.co.uk>

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