

Brixham Town Council

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Title:	High Street Community Clean Up		
To:	Community Services	Date:	08.04.19
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Background

Torbay Council contacted the Town Council to advise that they have been given a funding opportunity from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. The funding allocated to Torbay Council is £23,709 which had to be spent in accordance with the following criteria:

The funding should be used to work with existing community groups to undertake community-led street and town centre cleans for example:

- Expanding community clean-ups already taking place in March, such as the Great British Spring Clean commencing 22nd March;
- Providing seed funding to resident groups to carry out clean up activity on high streets and town centres;
- Carrying out High Street and Town Centre clean ups that have already scoped, on which there has been positive resident engagement, and which can be delivered in March.

Uses can include:

- Tools for community groups to tidy up, scrub an area and remove graffiti
- Training to empower residents of all ages to remove graffiti or tidy up fly-tipping
- Promotional material
- Support to promote clean up activity to the wider community

Bid

Torbay Council contacted the Town Clerk on 22nd March advising of the funding opportunity and that they had to spend the money by 31st March. The Town Clerk therefore put in a bid for £7,900, being approximately 1/3 of the fund to run a "Keep Brixham Beautiful" event in the high street. The bid included funding for:

- Equipment
- Personal Protective Clothing
- Cleaning chemicals
- Materials for repairs
- Transport costs
- Training

The above funding will allow Brixham Town Council to work with local community groups and to ensure that further periodic community events can continue to be organised.

Recommendations

- Appropriate training is arranged for relevant staff
- A date is booked for a Town Centre Keep Brixham beautiful event
- The Town Council work with Pride in Brixham and other community groups to ascertain and purchase necessary equipment / materials that may be required in order for them to continue to carry out their work within the community
- Given that Torbay Council have to submit a monitoring report to the Ministry by 31st May 2019, delegated powers are given to the Town Clerk to spend / allocate the £7,900 to ensure the deadline is met.