

HICKLING PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NO : Correspondence

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IMPLICATIONS Does the Parish Council wish to give a grant.

- **Crime & Disorder¹** – No implications arising from the Report have been identified.
- **Biodiversity²** - No implications arising from the Report have been identified.

By: Clerk

Date of Meeting : 9th August 2022

HICKLING W.I.

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1 August 2022

**The Hickling Parish Council
c/o The Parish Clerk**

Dear All Council Members

I would like to ask for a grant for the Hickling WI as we are a struggling village amenity and a donation would mean that we would not have to close as many other small village WI's have had to do, such as Long Clawson, Old Dalby, Thrumpton and Elton.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight what the Hickling WI do in Hickling as maybe some members do not know.

We offer friendship and a way to alleviate loneliness for men as well as women, The music, meal and entertainment evenings we put on are always popular. Our door-to-door coach trips enable those without cars to have a day out and to meet others in similar situations. We actively support local charities and are in the forefront when it comes to 'Climate Change; measures and awareness. It was 12 years ago when the Hickling WI made and distributed recycled material shopping bags to villagers so that they would no longer need to use plastic ones. We have planted a rare Black Poplar Tree to replace the one dying in Hickling Churchyard and members of the WI are nurturing and caring for this tree in the cemetery.

¹ Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires parish councils to consider the impact of all their functions and decisions on crime and disorder in their local area.

² Section 40 Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006 requires local authorities to have regard to the conservation of biodiversity in exercising their functions. Biodiversity includes species of plants and animals and the ecosystems of which they are part.

We support local businesses and visit the Plough to play darts once a month – an open evening when we also invite non-members to join us. Whenever, there are fund raising activities or events in Hickling which require volunteers, it is the WI members who are first to sign up. We book and use the Village Hall at least once a month for meetings.

Whatever, you could allocate from your funding to the Hickling WI would be appreciated and would help us continue to be such an important part of the Hickling community.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Carol Beadle on behalf of Hickling WI