



## Uley Community Spirit

A grant scheme for Uley good causes

### Introduction

It has always been our intention to use surplus funds (profits) for good causes within our community. The Management Committee is delighted once again to offer Uley Community Spirit grants, distributing a portion of our profits to local charitable organisations by application.

### How it works

UCS provides grants to its community's charitable organisations for projects, equipment or other financial support that will benefit Uley and Owlpen residents.

The amount of money available is determined as a percentage of our previous year's profits, ie the pre-tax profits declared in our 2019-20 accounts, and we aim to distribute the money this year by the end of January 2021.

Application forms may be downloaded from [www.uleycommunitystores.co.uk](http://www.uleycommunitystores.co.uk). The deadline for receipt of completed applications this year is **Thursday 31 December 2020**, and we hope to notify applicants of the decision by **Thursday 21 January 2021**.

### Guidelines

- Grants will be made to charitable organisations in Uley or Owlpen, or those covering a wider area but providing substantial benefits to residents of Uley and Owlpen
- Applications must clearly articulate the benefit to local residents
- Applications must be made by a representative of the charitable organisation
- Application forms must be completed in full
- Application forms must be submitted to the shop by 5.30pm, Thursday 31 December
- Supporting information will be required for applications of more than £250, including copies of the last year's audited accounts
- Assessment will be made by the UCS Management Committee based on the criteria of:
  - value
  - benefit to residents
  - risk
  - level of locally-sourced materials or supplies, labour or volunteer labour
- In deciding the allocation of the available funds, priority is normally given to:
  - registered charities or 'charitable organisations exempt from registration'
  - organizations and/or topics which demonstrate long-term viability
- **This year** we will also consider applications for **emergency funding** for charitable organisations experiencing **severe financial difficulty due to the COVID-19 pandemic**
- Grants should not be spent other than as set out in the application without the agreement of the UCS Management Committee
- Successful organisations will be asked to provide a receipt for the funds and evidence of their use(s), and to allow UCS publicity of the grants awarded through its online channels, the news media and other notices