**Better Together Norfolk**

Better Together Norfolk is an initiative funded by Norfolk County Council to develop new and innovative ways to reduce social isolation and loneliness. Voluntary Norfolk (registered charity no. 1112017, company registration no. 5616120) is the lead organisation within Better Together Norfolk and we work with several other organisations to deliver the service. As Better Together Norfolk we jointly collect, process and use personal and sensitive data, on a management system called Charitylog, for more information, including details of the organisations we work together with, please see our Privacy Notice at [www.bettertogethernorfolk.org.uk](http://www.bettertogethernorfolk.org.uk).

**Better Together Grant- Criteria**

**Better Together offers information, advice and support to help local people make the most of activities and opportunities in their area. As part of this work, we are offering individuals and small groups the chance to apply for a Better Together Grant to fund an activity or event in their community that brings people together.**

* Grants are for up to £300; you can apply for less if that is all your activity or event requires.
* Grants are available for individuals or community groups in Norwich, Great Yarmouth, South Norfolk and parts of Breckland.
* The grants are primarily for individuals and informal groups of residents. We won’t turn down applications from formally constituted groups, although we are prioritising less established groups. Any groups who do apply must operate on a not-for-profit basis.
* Grants are for one-off activities or a series of events, grants are not for on-going costs (for example gym membership or regular taxis).
* We expect grant applicants to deliver inclusive activities that welcome all and demonstrate equal opportunities.
* Weekends and public holidays can be a particularly lonely time for some people so we would be very keen to receive applications for activities that run at these times.
* You will be responsible for health & safety at your event.

**Better Together Grants cannot support:**

* Retrospective funding (activities that have already happened).
* Social excursions outside Norfolk.
* Paid staff costs.
* Overseas activity.
* Activities restricted solely to any group’s existing membership.
* Political or religious activities.
* Organisational or running costs not directly related to the specific project activities.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What can a Better Together grant be spent on?**

Grant money can be spent on anything you need to run an activity or event that brings together members of your community to combat social isolation and loneliness. This could include equipment hire or purchase, venue hire, promotional materials and transport.

**When do I need to get my application in by?**

There’s no deadline, grants are awarded as part of an on-going process.

**What if I don’t have a bank account?**

We will try to be as flexible as possible to meet your needs and will consider alternative arrangements, including making a purchase on your behalf.

**What if I need help completing the application form?**

We can provide support to administer your application, including filling in forms.

**I’m worried I can’t run the event on my own!**

Where there are applicants with similar ideas or from similar areas we can bring you together and help you develop your ideas collaboratively.

**Can I apply more than once?**

Yes, if you can evidence the success of your first activity and are unable to identify alternative funding you may apply again.

**Will I be asked to do lots of reporting?**

After the event we will ask you how it went and we will also need you to provide evidence of how the grant was spent (for example receipts). We can help you to do this and will be there to support you through the process.

**I’m not sure if the Better Together Grant covers my locality.**

These grants are part of the Better Together work we are doing in Norwich and the surrounding area, Great Yarmouth, South Norfolk and parts of Breckland. For further information, please get in touch.

**How to apply for a Better Together Grant.**

We will ask you to complete an application form, which we can send you by either email or post. We will then put you in touch with the Community Development Worker in your area who will help you complete the application form.

Once we receive the completed form we will review it and make reference requests. During this time we may contact you for further information.

We will let you know if your grant has been successful or unsuccessful by email or by letter.

**How will you use my personal data?**

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