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#### COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS

Godalming Town Council is pleased to announce that at its Policy & Management Committee meeting held on the 7 March 2019, Councillors approved a grant of £2,280 to help Godalming Air Training Corps to equip their Squadron Headquarters with new furniture. Members of the Committee were delighted to note that grants from the Town Council has supported a wide range of community organisations whose work benefits the residents of the town. Since 2015 the Town Council has been able to provide grants totalling £212,796.48 to 45 different local organisations.

One of the notable beneficiaries of Town Council grant support in 2018 was The Baden Hall in Godalming's Charterhouse ward. A spokesperson for the Baden Hall Management Committee said "We were overjoyed to receive a grant from Godalming Town Council for £4,750 towards the costs of replacing a failing boiler and central heating system at Baden Hall - the Headquarters for the scouting and guiding community of 1<sup>st</sup> Farncombe. The importance of receiving this grant has meant that we could carry out this essential work to provide a much needed warm and safe environment for the enjoyment of all users, especially the very young who start Beavers at age six. We can't thank Godalming Town Council enough."

Cllr Steve Cosser, Chairman of the Farncombe Initiative and Town Councillor for the Charterhouse ward said, "Despite the financial pressures faced by the Council, the ability to support the many community organisations who do such a superb job for the town remains a vitally important objective for Godalming Town Council. There can be no doubt that for many organisations funding from the Town Council is a survival lifeline. For others such as The Baden Hall, it provides the opportunity to carry out a specific project, which is why I am delighted that through careful management of taxpayers' money, the Town Council has been able to increase the level of grant funding it will be able to provide over the next 12 months to a total of £60,000".

For further details on these grants and other local groups and organisations who have benefitted from Godalming Town Council grant support or on how to apply for a Godalming Town Council grant, please visit <http://godalming-tc.gov.uk/grants/>

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