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WARD MEMBER DECISION NUMBER

WB/1920/050

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for North Downs East – Councillor Philip Martin**

Subject: Swingfield Street Community Group

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 1 September 2019

Name and address of applicant(s):

Steve Spitty
Chair
Ivy House, Sprinkle Farm
The Street
Swingfield,
CT15 7HA

Name and description of project:

Pew cushions for St. Peter's Church / community centre - Purchase of bespoke pew cushions made for the main body of the seating area.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £500.00 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

We are a small community group in Swingfield Street consisting of 21 properties. We use St. Peter's church which is vested in the Churches' Conservation Trust (CCT) to hold our community events and functions.

We have close links with Selsted and Churchill Schools, who attend our events including Remembrance events, carol concerts and other functions. We have visiting theatre groups performing plays, concerts, Christmas Carol concerts, village picnic, Winter/Summer solstice events, Flower arranging classes and an Easter flower festival, Summer tea party.

We have an open invitation to surrounding villages and schools and generally achieve upwards of 80 guests at each event.

The CCT maintain the structure of the building, but we are left to maintain the interior and keep it clean and safe. Visitors complain that the old-fashioned short pews are terribly uncomfortable to sit on for any period of time and that has put some people off returning. Although we do an annual fundraiser for CCT, we do not attract income for them as we are off the beaten track.

We are looking to raise £2,200.00 to provide bespoke pew cushions from a well reputed manufacturer. Our group will raise £400.00 through raffles/events.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

None

The decision set out above was made by me.

Signed: **1 September 2019**

Councillor Philip Martin
North Downs East