

# Thurston Parish Council

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## APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

*Before completing this form, please read carefully the attached document entitled Thurston Grant Awarding Policy. Copies of the form together with the latest copy of examined accounts must be submitted along with any supporting documentation requested.*

### **General information for applicants**

*It is Thurston Parish Council's intention (subject to budget restrictions and available resources) to support initiatives from local community groups and organisations. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received grants from Thurston Parish Council. The size of any grant awarded is at the discretion of the Parish Council but will not exceed £500 in any one application.*

*If you have any queries on the completion of this form please contact the Parish Clerk, Thurston Parish Council, New Green Centre, Thurston, IP31 3TG. Email: [clerk@thurstonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@thurstonparishcouncil.gov.uk)*

### **DETAILS OF YOUR ORGANISATION**

**Name of Organisation:**...Communities Together East Anglia.....

**Address:**...Red Gables, Ipswich Road, Stowmarket, IP14 1BE...

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**Contact Telephone No.:**....01449 707031.....

**Email:**...[tracey.walsh@communitiestogether-ea.org](mailto:tracey.walsh@communitiestogether-ea.org)

**Registered Charity No.:**.....1004198

**If you are part of a larger organisation, enter its name:**...N/A.....

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**Principal aims and objectives:**..... Communities Together East Anglia provides practical, person-centred support to help people stay connected, independent, and involved in their communities. We run a community transport service across Mid Suffolk, offer digital support and skills-building across Suffolk, and provide befriending and community engagement activities. Our work focuses on reducing isolation and loneliness by helping people access essential services, build confidence, and form meaningful social connections. We are also developing new local groups that promote health, wellbeing, and friendship.....

## DETAILS OF GRANT REQUESTED

**Explain your need for a grant with the likely number of beneficiaries, their age profiles and**

**their location:** ... We are requesting £500, the maximum available, to support the continued delivery of our digital inclusion sessions for adults aged 55+, with no upper age limit. This year we have delivered 101 sessions across Suffolk with 495 attendees, demonstrating strong and ongoing need. Our groups in Bury St Edmunds, Stowmarket and Elmswell are open to residents from Thurston and surrounding villages, and we already support people travelling in from Thurston. This funding will directly benefit Thurston residents by enabling access to free digital skills support, confidence-building, and help with essential online tasks.

**Grant requested:** £500.....

## DETAILS OF OTHER GRANTS

**Received in the last two years.....**

Suffolk County Council – Community Digital Skills £37,683 November 2024 – November 2025

Belstead Ganzioni Charity - Community Digital Skills £3,000 Jan 2026 -December 2026

**Currently applied for.....**

West Suffolk Council – Community Digital Skills £300

BMSDC - Community Digital Skills £1,937.47

John Gilpin Trust - Community Digital Skills £2,500

Please use this space for any significant information about your organisation not already supplied

Communities Together East Anglia is a well-established, community-focused organisation with a strong track record of delivering accessible support for older adults and vulnerable residents across Suffolk. Our work is built on trusted relationships, volunteer empowerment, and a commitment to reducing isolation through practical, person-centred help. Alongside digital inclusion, we provide wider community support that helps people stay independent, connected and confident. We are known locally for our safe, welcoming approach, our ability to reach people who are often overlooked, and our consistent delivery of high-quality sessions across multiple locations. Our programmes are shaped by real community need and are designed to be inclusive, sustainable and responsive.

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I certify that the foregoing replies are accurate to the best of my knowledge

Signature of applicant T. Walsh

Office Held Project Manager - CTEA

Date 31-12-2025