



VE80 Community Fund

Guidance

The aim of the VE 80 Community Fund is to support the communities of Northumberland in commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

Purpose of the Grant Funding

2025 will mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. This will be commemorated nationally on Victory in Europe Day, 8th May 2025.

To celebrate the occasion, £10,000 has been allocated to create a VE 80 Community Fund. The purpose of this special fund is to enable non-profit making community and voluntary groups, schools, parish councils and churches within Northumberland to apply for grant funding to help them to take part in celebratory events to mark the anniversary.

Grants of up to £250 are available from the opening of the fund on Friday 24th January 2025 and the deadline for applications will be 5:00 p.m. on Friday 21st February 2025. Applications will be considered w/c 3rd March and offer letters sent out that week requesting bank details by 11th April.

The Fund will close for applications when all funds have been allocated.

Eligible Activity

This list is not exclusive, but the grant could be used to support activity such as:

- Street entertainment, including performance fees
- One off hire costs, such as stage and PA hire
- Street Parties or hospitality excluding alcohol

Specifically excluded are:

- Road closure fees and traffic management costs
- Core organisational costs
- Religious or political activities
- Commemorative projects, such as benches, tree planting
- Gifts, prizes, memorabilia, such as coins, mugs, etc.

The panel will be looking to support projects that demonstrate the following:

- opportunities for the community to come together to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day.
- Any offer is conditional upon the provision of a minimum of 3 images/video clips to be uploaded to the website <http://www.greatnorthumberland.co.uk/>. This will allow the archive service to compile a lasting record of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day celebrations in our county. Please submit your files no later than 30th June 2025.

Grant Details

- Maximum Grant £250.00
- Total funding available £10,000
- 100% intervention rate (no match funding required)
- Cannot be used to match other NCC funding
- Delivered on a first come first served basis
- Deadline for applications will be 5p.m. on 21st February 2025
- Any unallocated grants in one area will be redistributed to areas of demand
- The fund will close when fully allocated
- Grants will be paid in advance

Eligibility

Applicants must fall into one of the following groups

- Parish and Town Councils
- Schools
- Constituted voluntary and community organisations
- Social enterprises
- Local charities
- Churches, where the benefit is for the wider community

Beneficiaries must be domiciled in Northumberland.

Please note: organisations seeking to host an event should also consider other important event notification aspects that may be required such as road closure requirements, licensing, fire and safety risks (if lighting a beacon then Northumberland Fire and Rescue Services will need to be informed).

- Event Notification Form <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Protection/Safety/SAG.aspx>
- Temporary Event Notice for events of up to 499 people and 168 hrs (7 days)
<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Business/Licences/Alcohol-entertainment.aspx#temporaryeventnotices>

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