# COMPTON MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL
# GRANT AWARDING POLICY

1. A grant is any payment made by Compton Martin Parish Council to be used by an organisation for a specific purpose that will benefit the Parish of Compton Martin and its residents, and which is not directly controlled or administered by the Parish Council. The Parish Council awards grants, at its discretion, to organisations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to benefit residents by:

    - Providing a service
    - Enhancing the quality of life
    - Improving the environment
    - Increasing the biodiversity
    - Promoting the community in a positive way

2. Grants of up to £750 are available to support charitable or voluntary activities for organisations operating within the Compton Martin.

3. Grants from Compton Martin Parish Council are only available for organisations working for the community of Compton Martin. Grants will not be made to individuals and commercial organisations.

4. Only one application for a grant will be considered from each organisation in any one financial year.

5. Grants will normally be made at the July Parish Council meeting for the current financial year. Applications for grants must be received by the Clerk by the end of June.

6. Each application will be assessed on its own merits.

7. The Council may make the award of any grant or subsidy subject to such additional conditions and requirements as it considers appropriate. The Council reserves the right to refuse any grant application which it considers to be inappropriate or against the objectives of the Council.

8. Any grant must only be used for the purpose for which it was awarded, and any unspent portion of the grant must be returned to the Council by the end of the financial year in which it was awarded.

9. Applicants will be required to complete an application form. All questions on the application form should be answered and additional information, if applicable, should be provided.

10. In line with the Declaration of a Climate & Nature Emergency by Compton Martin Parish Council, you will be required to explain what improvements in biodiversity your project can contribute.

11. Grant recipients will be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to explain how the funds were used.

12. This policy is designed to ensure that Compton Martin Parish Council complies with its obligations under Equality Act 2010 and demonstrates our commitment to treating people equally and fairly.