



Gwasanaeth Gwybodaeth i Deuluoedd Wrecsam  
Wrexham Family Information Service

**A GUIDE TO**

**SOURCES OF FUNDING**

**FOR**

**CHILDCARE**

**PROVIDERS**

**2011**

## **Introduction – A Simple Guide**

This guide has been designed for the use of all childcare providers. It aims to take the hard work out of the daunting task of researching and accessing funds to set up and sustain childcare provision. The simple and easy to follow information helps childcare providers to plan for, apply for and make a success of their search for funding. It also contains a list of useful contacts who will be able to help along the way with support and advice. Finally, there are some suggestions for “fun” fundraising ideas. Whatever your need, this guide should be able to help you to access funding and achieve success.

# GETTING STARTED – A PLAN FOR SUCCESS

## Developing a Funding Strategy

Make a list of those funders you have identified as likely donors and contact them. A few short minutes on the phone, fax or internet will save you a lot of time and work making an application if you find that your specific project is not eligible for funding from the donor, or that the donor has exhausted funding for such projects for the year. You can also find out exactly what is needed for the application and request an application form if it is required.

Once you have a list of potential donors you are ready to begin the application process. A good application will show how your scheme benefits the local community, its children and parents.

Funders are more likely to respond to an application if it can show that it:-

- Comes from a credible organisation
- Has a good project
- Convinces donors that they have an interest in the project
- Promotes good quality childcare
- Has approached the right potential funder

When the nature of your application requires it, you need to think about:-

- Your unique selling points which make your application stand out from the others.
- Giving your project a specific and appropriate name, maybe a fun name which has been thought of by the children
- Summarising your project at the beginning of the application in case the funder doesn't read beyond the first page.
- A good explanation of the services you provide. Maybe include a direct quote from a parent or child using your scheme.
- A good explanation of why the project is needed in your community and how the money will help to support it.

## Learn from experience

Keep a record of what gets results and replicate these approaches with other potential donors. Also, always acknowledge funding and explain how it has helped your group, maybe invite funders to visit to see how their funds have supported you. You may be able to go back to funders who have supported you in the past – they have already expressed an interest so try to maintain it.

## Help with Application Forms

Find out all you can about the funder. Speak to the funder if possible, talk to other groups who have successfully accessed funds, ask your local voluntary council for help (AVOW, see Useful Contacts). Time and effort at this stage is crucial. When making applications follow the guidelines below.

Take several copies of the application form before you start, and practice filling it in. Read the questions thoroughly before beginning to complete the application form.

- Answer all the questions.
- Remember to get all the necessary signatures.
- Get someone to check your application form before you send it. Is it clear and easy to understand?
- Keep the application form clean and tidy.
- Include all the requested material.
- Provide the funder with a clear point of contact.
- Take a photocopy of any completed application before you send it, for reference should the funder need to contact you.
- Deal with any funder's requests for more information quickly, and keep the funder informed of any relevant changes, which occur.
- Meet deadlines. Do not expect funders to be sympathetic to late applications, they have deadlines to meet also.

## Support from Companies

Most companies give out of enlightened self-interest and see their giving in terms of 'community involvement' or 'community investment'. It is a good idea to scan local newspapers on a regular basis to identify companies providing support to similar projects, what the grant was provided for and the size of the grant. It is a good first step to find a company that you know has donated to similar causes.

Next, put yourself in the position of the company. Why should they want to give their support to you? Why should they choose your charity's appeal ahead of any others they might receive? Try to find out as much as you can about the companies you have identified as potential donors.

Think about the benefits they will get from supporting you and mention these in your initial letter:

- Does it state what your link is with the company?
- Does it stress the benefits to the company?
- Is it clear why you need the money?
- Is it addressed to the correct contact?
- Is it attractive to the company, e.g. will their donation enable a much larger project to go ahead?
- Is your appeal letter short and to the point? Further information can be included in attachments.

Much company support lies outside of grant funding. There are a variety of ways in which companies can support charities:

- Support in kind, which includes giving company products or surplus office equipment.
- Encouraging employees to volunteer or undertake fundraising drives.
- Enabling employees to donate through a payroll-giving scheme.
- Sponsorship of an event, activity or award scheme.

Remember, if you are successful in obtaining a company's support, thank them and keep them informed on how your project is progressing – you may need their support in the future.

## Sources of Funding

The following schemes are available for individuals, voluntary groups and organisations in Wales. The entries are intended as a general guide, the contacts given will be able to provide you with more detailed information.

### The Santander Foundation

The Santander Foundation brings together the initiatives previously undertaken by Abbey National, Alliance & Leicester and Bradford & Bingley. The Foundation funds local, regional and national charities for their work within the UK. They are committed to helping disadvantaged people through two charitable priorities: education and training or financial capability. Examples of projects funded through the former have been arts and craft sessions for disadvantaged children. One off grants of up to £10,000 are awarded. The average size of grant is £4,000 and this can be for capital or revenue costs. Please see their website for further information: [www.santanderfoundation.org.uk](http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk). Or contact Alan Eagle, Santander Foundation, 201 Grafton Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 1AN, email: [grants@santander.co.uk](mailto:grants@santander.co.uk)

### Alexandra Rose Day – Helping Charities Help Themselves

Alexandra Rose Day was founded in 1912 by Queen Alexandra, when thousands of volunteers sold roses in London for the benefit of hospitals and other charitable institutions. Today the Alexandra Rose Day tradition is continued by helping people-caring charities to help themselves. Any small or local charity based in England and Wales that supports disabled people, children, the young and the elderly can raise funds by working with Alexandra Rose Day on their fundraising events:

Collection Days - partner charities provide the volunteers to participate in street, house-to-house and supermarket collections. Alexandra Rose Day organize the event, provide equipment, publicity and cover the regulatory requirements. Participating charities keep 90% of the money raised. The Collection day is usually is on 20 June 2009 and is launched by the Prime Minister buying a rose on the steps of 10 Downing Street.

Joint Charities Raffle – this annual raffle is a simple and risk free method for small groups to raise money. Alexandra Rose Day provide the raffle tickets, and all the prizes and the charity keep 90% of the money raised. The first three prizes are £2,000, £1,000 and £500 in cash, with a number of runners up prizes, and tickets are priced 50p each in books of five. Proceeds from ticket sales are banked by the participating charity, and only then are the counterfoils and 10% of the proceeds are sent to Alexandra Rose Day. There is a £30 registration fee.

Special Appeal Fund – any charity which takes part in one of their collections can write in and apply for a grant. The charities they work with support disabled people, children, the young and the elderly, which aim to help people in need or to improve their quality of life. The real benefit for charities of working with Alexandra Rose Day, is that funds raised can be used for any purpose, and unlike grant funding, which is generally restricted to a particular project meeting a funder's own criteria.

For more information please visit: [www.alexandraroseday.org.uk](http://www.alexandraroseday.org.uk)

Or contact Alexandra Rose Day, 5 Mead Lane, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7DY. ☎ 01252 726 171, Fax: 01252 727 559, E-mail: [enquiries@alexandraroseday.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@alexandraroseday.org.uk)

## **Asda Foundation**

Local Collections: Contact Asda Wrexham to see if you can arrange a fund-raising day for your voluntary group at the store. Many groups have raised funds by organising a Saturday to help customers pack their shopping and have received some well-earned tips to increase their funds!

For more information please contact: Local Events Co-ordinator of Asda Wrexham,  
☎ 01978 367200.

## **Awards for All Wales**

This is a Lottery grants programme targeted at local communities. Applications can be made by not-for-profit groups, parish or town councils, school or health bodies but not individuals. Grants are awarded for between £500 and £5,000 to fund a specific project or activity and must be spent within one year. Organisations can receive up to a maximum of £5,000 in any 12 month period.

Examples of things Awards for All Wales can fund includes: publicity materials, venue hire, computers, research costs, transport costs, volunteers' expenses, updating equipment for health and safety reasons, refurbishment, training, sessional staff, fees to hire equipment, educational toys and games.

Awards for All Wales cannot fund regular ongoing costs (wages, rent etc) or refurbishments / improvements to land or property not owned/leased by the group. The application form is short and simple, applications can be made at any time and decisions are made within 12 weeks.

For more information please contact: Awards for All Wales, 2nd Floor, Ladywell House, Newtown, Powys SY16 1JB, ☎: 01686 611 700. Website: [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk)

## **AVOW**

### **Wrexham Community Facilities and Activities Programme Capital Funding**

The Community Facilities and Activities Programme is a capital only funding programme. Small grants will be available to voluntary and community organisations for projects that benefit and involve local communities. Projects need to make a contribution to the regeneration of Wrexham County Borough. The Grants Panel meet quarterly usually in the first week of June September, December and March. Completed applications must be submitted at least 4 weeks before the meeting. For more information or an application form contact [Lynda.williams@avow.org](mailto:Lynda.williams@avow.org) or ☎ 01978 312556. Wrexham Community Facilities and Activities Programme, AVOW, Ty AVOW, 21 Egerton Street, Wrexham LL11 1ND

## **B&Q, Wrexham**

Schools, Community groups and charitable organisations can apply to their local B&Q store for funding to support a local community project. The grants are available to help get a community project up and running and should have a long-lasting benefit on the community. The scheme provides £50 to £500 of B&Q materials to local schools, community groups and charitable organisations (non-electrical). Each store has a budget of £1,000 to allocate grants of between £50 and £500 per project.

Due to the large amount of applications made every year please apply early in February for the best chance of receiving a grant.

In addition, all stores offer waste materials and unsaleable goods to local projects ie. off-cuts of timber, damaged tins of paint etc.

### **B&Q, Planet Living Awards**

The B&Q awards are launched every January and offer between £1,000 and £10,000 of B&Q products to organisations across the UK and Ireland which are working on projects that aim to enhance the local community. Projects need to fall into one of the following categories: the Environment/energy saving: natural habitats and wildlife: local culture/heritage.

For more information please contact: Environmental Champion, B&Q Wrexham, ☎: 01978 362777

### **BBC Children in Need Appeal (Wales)**

Children in Need has launched a new small grants programme with the aim of seeking applications from organisations that have not applied to Children in Need before. Grants of up to £10,000 a year for up to three years will be available to organisations across the UK working with young people and children. Children in Need is keen to get applications from smaller organisations across the UK that have not previously made an approach to them. There will be four application rounds a year. As every year the funding requests exceed the amount of money raised so applications are assessed to ensure that grants are targeted on areas of real need. Voluntary committee members, based in each region, draw on their expertise and local knowledge to advise our board of Trustees which projects should receive grants, and funds are allocated geographically to ensure that all corners of the UK get a share of the money raised. Any not for profit organisation working with young people and children aged under 18 can apply. Children in Need hopes to make decisions within 14 weeks of the closing date for each round. For more information see the website for further details <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants>.

### **Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation**

This Charitable Foundation is a general grant making trust. During recent years annual grants totalling around £2.5 million have been made to a wide range of charities. Appeals for grant aid are considered regularly. Grants are made only to registered charities, and not to individuals. There is no application form but applicants should apply in writing to the Director giving details as to the following points and this should be accompanied by:

- the latest approved Report and Accounts.
- What the charity does and it's objectives
- What is the need and purpose of the project, who will benefit and how
- How much the project will cost
- How much money has already been raised and from whom
- How running costs of the project will be met following its establishment
- Any other supporting documentation

The trust also awards grants for sustainability. Generally grants awarded will range between £500 and £5000 and can be for revenue and capital costs.

For more information please contact: Mr J Rimmington, Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation, 20 Berkley Square, London WJ1 6LH, ☎: 020 7408 2198, Fax: 020 7499 5859.

### **The Community First Trust Fund**

The Communities First Trust Fund (CFTF) aims to support any type of activity that involves local people, through small community projects. Priority is given to new groups who have not received funding before. The activities must provide some measure of economic, environmental, social or cultural benefit for people living in a Community First Area. Applications can be submitted at any time of the year but it is best to apply at the beginning of the financial year as grants are processed on a first come, first served basis. More information and help on filling out an application form can be found by ringing the Communities First Helpline on ☎0800 587 8898 or e-mail [help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk) contacting your local Communities First team (details available on [www.communities-first.org](http://www.communities-first.org) or by ringing the Helpline on ☎ 0800 587 8898)

### **Co-operative Community Fund**

The Co-operative Membership Community Fund is a grants scheme which helps local communities throughout the UK. They started the initiative in 1997, and thousands of clubs, community groups and local charities have benefited. To be successful, a group must carry out positive work in the community and:

- address a community issue
- provide a good long-term benefit to the community
- support co-operative values and principles
- ideally be innovative in its approach

The scheme is unique in that it is funded by generous Co-operative members donating some or all of their share of profits, which is then given away in the form of small grants in their local communities. These members have already given millions of pounds away, and last year alone over £1 million was awarded to successful groups.

If you would like to apply for funding for your local group or organisation, simply download, complete and return the application form from the website.  
<http://www.co-operative.coop/membership>.

### **Coalfields Regeneration Trust**

This is the UK's leading regeneration agency for former coalfield areas. The Trust welcomes applications from groups, organisations and agencies which are committed to the regeneration of coalfield areas and their communities. In Wrexham County Borough these areas include Rhostyllen, Aberoer, Legacy, Pentre Bychan, Branwylfa, Minera, Penycae and Ponciau. The Trust has launched a new fast-track grant-making programme for small voluntary and community groups called "Bridging the Gap". This programme will allow speedy access to small grants (£500 - £10,000).

The Trust will judge every project on its merits, so there is no set list of things that they will fund. Capital and/or revenue grants are eligible. Projects must meet one or more of these criteria: developing community facilities; building community capacity; developing community business enterprise and the social economy; supporting lifelong learning; creating employment and training opportunities.

For more information please contact: The Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Unit 7, Maritime Offices, Woodland Terrace, Maesycoed, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taf, CF47 1DZ. Tel: 01443 404455.

E-mail: [alun@coalfields-regen.org.uk](mailto:alun@coalfields-regen.org.uk) Website: [www.coalfields-regen.org.uk](http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk)

### **The Community Foundation in Wales**

The Community Foundation in Wales is a registered charity that [awards grants](#) to groups and projects that are in need of funding and that make a real difference to the lives of the people they support and to the wider community.

For Further information please contact: Sefydliad, 14-16 Merthyr Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 1DG. ☎: 029 2052 0250, Fax: 029 2052 1250. Or, visit: [www.cfiw.org.uk](http://www.cfiw.org.uk)

### **The Dulverton Trust**

The Dulverton Trust provides grants to UK registered charities and to organisations with charitable status. The Trust supports a wide range of activities including youth and education. They support national, regional and local charities operating in England, Scotland and Wales, especially in areas where there is a significant amount of deprivation, and particularly where a grant would make a real difference to the recipient. The priority is for educational activities and opportunities for disadvantaged young people, helping them to achieve their true potential.

Please check the following website for their funding policy and exclusions [www.dulverton.org](http://www.dulverton.org). More information can also be obtained from The Dulverton Trust, 5 St James's Place, London SW1A 1NP

### **Garfield Weston Foundation**

This foundation makes about 1,500 one-off grants a year to registered charities for amounts between £3,000 and £1 million. Approximately half of all appeals result in a grant allocation. All applications are considered on an individual basis by a committee of trustees. Applications take approximately 3 to 4 months to be processed and applicants are notified of the outcome by letter. Trustees meet monthly, there is no deadline for applications. Applications for disabled access are considered. Application forms and guidelines are available.

For more information please contact: Garfield Weston Foundation, Weston Centre, 10 Grovenor Street, London, W1K 4QY. ☎ 02073 996565 or [www.garfieldweston.org](http://www.garfieldweston.org)

### **The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust**

Through its grant funding the Trust aims to improve the quality of life of people who live and work in Wales. In particular the Trust aims to promote education, history, language and culture, particularly for those who face disadvantage or discrimination.

Wales is a country rich in culture, history, language and sporting successes. In today's era of globalisation people often forget what is in their locality. As a result The Trust is keen to help young people learn more about their country via exchange programmes and has made

provision to support youth exchange programmes which fall in to any of the funding categories of the Trust.

### Funding Priorities

The Trust will give priority to organisations that are looking to tackle social, personal, economic or cultural barriers within their own communities. In particular projects that lead to greater independence and give people more control over their lives will be given priority. The Trust welcomes applications that give people a voice to express their needs and hopes. The Trust is keen to help disabled people to challenge barriers and to be active and visible in their local communities.

The Trust Office, Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust, c/o Fusion Loft 2, Ocean House  
Clarence Road, Cardiff Bay CF10 5FR [www.millenniumstadiumtrust.co.uk](http://www.millenniumstadiumtrust.co.uk)  
☎: (029) 20494963 Fax: (029) 20494964 Email: [MSCT@fusionuk.org.uk](mailto:MSCT@fusionuk.org.uk)

### **The Morgan Foundation**

The Morgan Foundation supports charities across North Wales, Merseyside, West Cheshire and North Shropshire. The Foundation has recently expanded its grant-giving programme to £1million per year. The Morgan Foundation specialises in supporting organisations helping children and families and will consider any work which has a positive effect on their welfare, or which expands the opportunities and life choices for young people in this region. Areas of support to date have included physical and learning disability, physical and mental health, plus social challenge and deprivation. The Foundation will also consider helping charities meeting other needs, provided they meet its main objective of being able to 'make a difference'.

For more information please visit: [www.morganfoundation.co.uk](http://www.morganfoundation.co.uk)  
or for an informal discussion contact Jane Harris (Administrator) on 01829 782800.

### **The Noel Buxton Trust**

The Noel Buxton Trust was established by Noel Edward Buxton (later the first Lord Noel Buxton) in 1919 to achieve social and economic progress in Britain and throughout the world. The Trust welcomes applications from registered charities. They are a small organisation and seldom make grants of more than £4000, often considerably less. The average grant in 2009 was about £1700.

The Trust supports a variety of areas including the welfare of children in disadvantaged families and of children in care. This will normally cover families with children of primary school age and younger, although work with children in care will be considered up to the age at which they leave care.

For more information see: [www.noelbuxtontrust.org.uk](http://www.noelbuxtontrust.org.uk). Or contact The Secretary, The Noel Buxton Trust, P O Box 393, Farnham Surrey GU9 8WZ

### **Sustainable Funding Cymru**

Sustainable Funding Cymru is a WCVA project supported by the Big Lottery Fund. Training in sustainable fundraising is offered at a subsidised rate of £10 per person per course for voluntary and community organisations operating in Wales.

The Project offers practical help and support to voluntary and community organisations in Wales with an interest in developing a sustainable funding approach. This is to be achieved by offering a combination of specialist training, advice, support and information services.

Working in partnership with county voluntary councils (CVCs) and other umbrella bodies, the initiative will equip organisations with the skills and information to secure and maintain the resources they require in the long-term.

A dedicated website will provide comprehensive information on the various sustainable funding methodologies, guidance, case studies, source of further help and other resources, tailored to Wales. Visit: [www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk](http://www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk)

For more information please contact: Sara Carroll and Nicola Llewelyn on 01570 424175/6. E-mail: <mailto:scarroll@wcva.org.uk> / <mailto:nllewelyn@wcva.org.uk>

### **Tesco Charitable Trust - Community Award Scheme**

In 2007, the Tesco Charity Trust made cash grants of £1,460,045 to local and national charities in the UK. The Charity Trust Community Award Scheme awarded grants totalling £585,000 to local projects. These provide practical benefits in the local community for three vulnerable groups: children, the elderly and those with disabilities.

The grant scheme will provide grants from £1,500 to £5,000 to support local projects in areas where Tesco has stores.

For more information please email: [community.sponsorship@uk.tesco.com](mailto:community.sponsorship@uk.tesco.com)  
Or visit: <http://cr2010.tescopl.com/communities/tesco-charity-trust.aspx>

### **The Toy Trust**

The Toy Trust was founded in 1990 by the British Toy and Hobby Association. They raise money predominantly from the toy industry, its suppliers and friends; and distribute the money raised to young disadvantaged and disabled children's charities within the UK and abroad.

Their committee meets five or six times each year to allocate grants to children's causes in need of support. All projects and charities, whether local, national or international, will receive consideration from the committee.

The Toy Trust will provide grants for registered charities or community organisations who are involved with disabled and disadvantaged children and families and communities directly involved with children (aged between birth and 13). One of their criteria is to purchase vital equipment. Toy Trust funds help disadvantaged children and their families to:  
For further information contact the BTHA on 020 7701 7271 or email [tracey@btha.co.uk](mailto:tracey@btha.co.uk).  
You can also find information on the website: <http://www.btha.co.uk/toytrust>.

### **Tudor Trust**

The Trust has released details of its funding priorities for April 2009 to March 2011. Tudor aims to support work which addresses the social, emotional and financial needs of people at

the margins of society. They are interested in how organisations tackle these needs, and their root causes. They want to encourage growth, progression and development, not just keeping things as they are. The Trust will make grants in the following areas: youth (but not children under 5), older people, community, relationships, housing, mental health, substance misuse, learning, financial security and criminal justice. There is no maximum or minimum grant amount. The Trust usually makes grants over one, two or three years. Applications can be considered for core costs (including salaries and running costs), project costs, development funding or capital grants for buildings and equipment.

For more information please visit: [www.tudortrust.org.uk](http://www.tudortrust.org.uk)

### **WCVA Membership and Helpdesk**

Each month, over 1,000 voluntary organisations take advantage of the information, news, funding updates and cost savings they receive as part of the benefits of full membership with WCVA.

Full membership starts at just £25 per year and includes a twice-monthly voluntary sector magazine, fortnightly members' e-briefing, and personalised grantfinder searches. Members are also entitled to discounts on computer software and hardware, telecommunications, translation services, insurance, corporate products and publicity materials.

For more information or to request a membership information pack and application form, please email: <mailto:help@wcva.org.uk> or call the WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329.

### **Wilkinsons**

Wilkinson's Helping Hands is a community initiative where each local store has been given a budget to distribute to projects and schemes within the stores local community. They will support organisations who work with children and young people. To apply for a donation from the Helping Hands Fund you need to visit your local store and pick up an application form. These forms can be found on your stores red community boards or if you cannot find them, ask for assistance at the customer service desk.

### **Wooden Spoon**

Wooden Spoon is rugby's charity supporting mentally, physically and socially disadvantaged children and young people. Spoon has committed to over £13 million in spending for projects for children and young people. Projects must normally be of a capital nature, with a reasonably long-term prospective lifetime. Grants are generally in the range £20K - £100K and representing 25% - 100% of the total project cost.

If you wish to apply for project funding please complete contact your regional contact Bob Harris (07974 435955 / 01443 436617) Email: [bobharris@spoonwales.co.uk](mailto:bobharris@spoonwales.co.uk).

### **The Woodward Charitable Trust**

An annual budget of between £20,000 and £30,000 is awarded per year to support summer activities for children between the ages of 5-16 years. Approximately 30-50 grants are awarded each year. Most grants awarded are in the range of £500 to £2,000. Grants can only be paid to registered charities. Main grants are usually allocated following Trustees'

meetings in January and July each year. Children's Summer Playscheme grants are considered at the beginning of May each year. All application forms are assessed on arrival and if additional information is required you will be contacted further.

Preference is given to:

- small local schemes that provide a wide-ranging programme of activities schemes that involve a large number of children, where children do not have high support needs
- schemes catering for those from disadvantaged backgrounds or those that have a disability or special need
- schemes that encourage social integration by working with children from a range of backgrounds, abilities and races
- schemes that encourage past users to come back and help as volunteers

For further information and an Application form please contact Karin Hooper, on 020 7410 0330 or visit: Website: [www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk](http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk)

## **WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **Childminder Start up Grants**

A Start up Grant is currently being offered to newly registered Childminders to help with the costs of setting up a Childminding business. Wrexham County Borough Council will fund provision of the National Childminding Association (NCMA) Quality Start Package and up to £300 for the purchase of essential Health & Safety equipment, or other equipment such as multi-cultural toys and storage facilities to enable new Childminders to set up a quality service.

Consideration will be given to grants of an additional £300 where: -

- Childminders are located in disadvantaged areas and require funding to set up their Childminding business;
- Childminders propose to cater especially for children with special needs and will use the additional grant for appropriate equipment or adaptations (receipts will be required for all items purchased).

For more information please contact: Childcare Funding Support Officer,  
Wrexham Family Information Service, Ty AVOW, 21 Egerton Street, Wrexham LL11 1ND  
☎: 01978 298340/292094, E-mail: [fis@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:fis@wrexham.gov.uk)

### **Sustainability Grants Scheme**

Funding is available from Wrexham County Borough Council to set up, sustain or expand good quality childcare provision in the local area, particularly in areas of deprivation. Sustainability of provision can be assisted through the support of, for example, staffing costs, rent, heating and lighting, essential Health and Safety requirements.

For more information please contact: Childcare Funding Support Officer, Wrexham Family Information Service, Ty AVOW, 21 Egerton Street, Wrexham LL11 1ND. ☎: 01978 298340/292094, E-mail: [fis@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:fis@wrexham.gov.uk)

## **Village Halls Grants**

Wrexham County Borough Council is inviting grant applications from village halls within Wrexham County. Grants ranging from £250 to £2,500 can be used for equipment, building repairs and items of lasting benefit, such as energy saving measures. The awards cannot be used for staffing costs or general appeals. Applications are invited from trustees or management committees administering village halls, and community councils managing town or village halls. Church halls and other meeting places are also eligible to apply, provided there is no other village hall or community centre within the community. The next closing date for applications is 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

For more information please contact Lynn Jones on 01978 297443 or download an application form from the website: [www.wrexham.gov.uk](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk)

## **Welsh Church Acts Fund**

Grants are made to voluntary and charitable organisations for items of lasting benefit such as equipment and building renovations and repairs but not for current running costs. Organisations must act for the benefit of the Wrexham County Borough area. Closing date is July 31st 2011. The maximum amount of award will be £500.

For more information please contact: Gareth Williams, Finance and Performance Department, Lambpit Street, Wrexham LL11 1WS, Tel: 01978 292716.  
Email: [garethe.williams.wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:garethe.williams.wrexham.gov.uk)

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### **Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham (AVOW)**

Funding Officer  
Ty AVOW, 21 Egerton Street  
Wrexham LL11 1ND  
Tel: 01978 312556  
Fax: 01978 263980

### **Business Development and Enterprise Unit**

Bersham Enterprise Park  
Plas Grono Road  
Rhostyllen  
Wrexham  
LL14 4EG  
Tel: 01978 366366

### **Wrexham Family Information Service (WFIS)**

Wrexham Library & Arts Centre  
Rhosddu Road  
Wrexham  
LL11 1AU  
Tel: 01978 292094  
E-mail: [fis@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:fis@wrexham.gov.uk)

### **Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs (C.P.C.K.C)**

Kathryn Tunnah/ Sandra Thompson  
Childcare Business Development Officers for Wrexham  
19 Princes Drive  
Colwyn Bay/Bae Colwyn  
Conwy  
LL29 8HT  
Tel: 01492 539772  
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## Ideas for Fundraising

Sustainability is a key issue for childcare providers across the County Borough. In addition to looking for external sources of funding, there are many ways in which childcare providers can raise funds within their group/organisation. Here are some ideas:

### Fete Stalls

Treasure Island	Craftwork	White Elephant
Guess the number	Guess the name	Hot dogs
Bat the Rat	Toys/games	Bring and Buy
Cakes	Hook a duck	Jewellery
Tombola	Welly throwing	Lucky dip
Penalty shootout	Roll a penny	Babywear
Plants	Coconut shy	Records/tapes
Guess the weight	Nearly new	

Extra money can be made by charging ice cream and catering vans and fairground rides to come on your fete ground.

### Sponsored events

Matchbox fill	Walk/toddle	sports day
pram push	Bike ride	puzzle sheet
teddy bears picnic	danceathon	

### Competitions

Fancy dress	pet show	Easter bonnet
karaoke	Drawing	singing
dancing	Talent show	

### General

Balloon race	bonus ball	barbecue
discos	concerts	Jumble sales
pancake race	bingo	raffle
Face painting	car boots	duck race
quizzes	Film shows	picnic
flag days		

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The main role of the Childcare Funding Support Officer is:

To support childcare providers in identifying and securing sources of funding to ensure long term sustainability.

To produce a guide to sources of funding for childcare providers.

To signpost providers to local specialists who can provide in-depth business/management support.

To manage the Sustainability Grant Scheme, Childminder Start-up Grants Scheme, Sponsored Daycare Scheme and Assisted Places scheme.

If there are any amendments or additions that you would like to be included in the next edition, please contact the Childcare Funding Support Officer, contact details above.