

Priors Hardwick fete funds proposal for village agreement.

Dear fellow villagers,

Total available funds from 2023 (residual) and 2025 fetes: £ 10,000

Thank you to everyone who helped raise this incredible total through two fetes of shared effort, generosity and hard work. The following proposal was agreed by the fete committee and is now presented for your support.

Proposal for allocation: £9,546

Proposed allocation and rationale:

1. Donations to three local charities: £1,500

£500 each to:

Katharine House Hospice

Myton Hospice

The Air Ambulance

The three charities provide vital services across our region and were identified by many villagers as causes close to the heart of the community.

2. Cake stall proceeds to the church - £600

This amount was raised through the cake and tea stall hosted by the church. We propose passing these funds on to the church, as is traditional, and in recognition of the support and contribution of church members to the fete and wider village life.

3. 6m x 3m commercial grade gazebo- £600

A robust gazebo will support village fetes and future village events and will be made available for private hire by villagers. It is a practical investment with long term value and flexibility for our community.

4. War Memorial restoration - £1,550

Specialist cleaning and repair of our war memorial. The work will be carried out by Borden and Ward, respected stonemasons based in Flore who were recommended and quoted at the request of the Clerk to Priors Marston Parish Council and Priors Hardwick Parish Meeting.

(We are also exploring the possibility of a 50% heritage grant towards this cost.)

5. Village Green repairs and improvements: £2,500 (estimated)

To improve the appearance, condition and accessibility of the green, making it more useable for walking on and hosting events. This will help to preserve this valued communal space. (Quote in process)

6. Church community area upgrades - £2,796

We propose funding the installation of improved lighting and energy-efficient infra red radiant heat panels in the space at the rear of the church. This area is already used for village meetings, handbell ringers' practice, and will soon hold monthly village coffee mornings. The upgrade aims to create a warmer, more inviting hub for all and expand the use of this space for inclusive, year-round community activity.

TOTAL PROPOSED ALLOCATION: £9,546

Any remaining balance will be held in reserve for future agreed use.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please bring your views to the Village Meeting on Thursday 24th July where the proposal will be presented for community agreement.

Thank you once again for your continued support, creativity and generosity as this is what makes the village such a special place to live.

The Fete Committee July 2025