



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Grayshott & Hindhead Institute and Village Hall Neighbourhood CIL Application

Background

The original application seeks £20,000 of Haslemere Town Council Neighbourhood CIL towards a £100,000 project to replace ageing gas boiler plant and heating controls at Grayshott Village Hall.

Councillors deferred this application at the meeting on 5 February 2026. The Committee asked the applicant to provide further information on three key areas, as listed below, and their submission is attached to this document.

1. Energy efficiency and alternative power
2. Where hirers are based
3. Funding update – Project cost

Councillors are asked to:

1. note the additional information provided by the applicant;
2. decide whether the information is sufficient to score the application; and, if so,
3. score the application and determine whether to make an award or recommend an award of Neighbourhood CIL funding to Full Council.

Grayshott and Hindhead Institute and Village Hall CIL Funding Application

Committee members voted to defer consideration of the application until its next meeting on 21 May 2026. The key issues they want the applicant to address before that meeting are:-

1) To meet Haslemere Town Council's sustainability goals has the applicant sought advice on energy efficiency and alternative power sources? For example, is the building insulated as well as reasonably possible such that energy demand is reduced, could solar panels be installed?

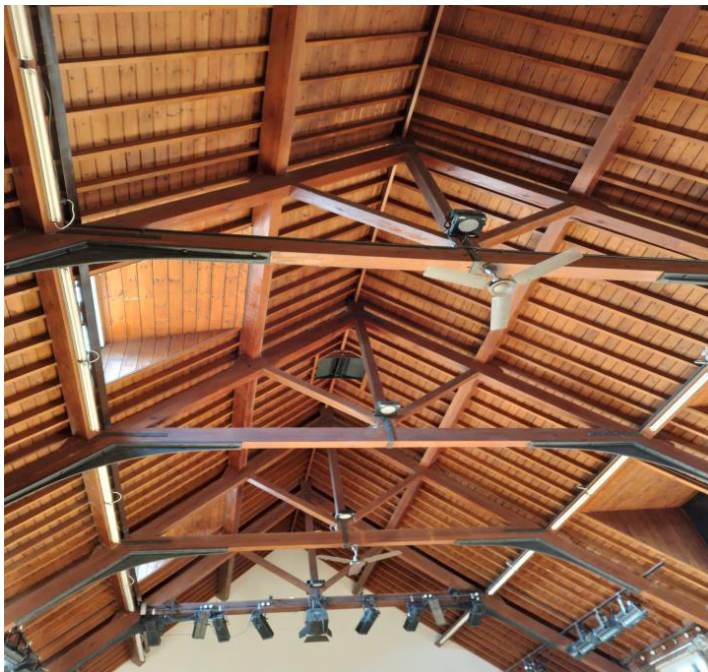
In 2023 opportunities for reducing energy use were investigated at Grayshott Village Hall as part of a wider Building Energy Audit program through the EMphasis3 project.

The investigation was high-level but did highlight the following recommendations:

Insulation

The roofs to the Small Hall, Common Room and Meeting Room have ceilings below and these have been insulated to current Building Regulation standards.

The roofs to the Main Hall and The Studio are exposed on the underside with a timber boarding finish (as photo below) and other than the inherent U-value of the timber boarding have no insulation. There is no easy method of insulating these roofs but there are two recirculating fans which help to keep the heat at a lower level as it rises.



The main building constructed in 1902 has solid walls, while the studio building constructed in 1910 has cavity walls. Some internal walls have wooden panelling

installed which improves the wall's thermal conductivity as well as being a decorative feature. The original windows which remain in many areas are timber single-glazed windows. Although the building is just outside of the Conservation Area, the Trustees are conscious of the need to preserve the appearance of the building as far as possible and intend to replace windows with double glazed windows that match the originals as closely as possible when the need arises.



Several windows to the Caretakers accommodation have already been replaced with double glazed units.

Solar PV



Although the building has a large roof area, there are roof lights and dormer windows which make large areas unsuitable for Solar PV. The main roof areas face East and West and there is only a small area of hipped roof that faces south. Add to that the area directly south of the site is covered by tall trees the opportunity for a Solar PV installation was only identified as the area outlined in purple on the site photograph above. With the continued improvement in Solar PV technology over the last three years

and the advancement in battery usage the Trustees will look at a commissioning a Solar PV feasibility study later this year together with researching the grants that are available. We will have to bear in mind that DNO permission will be required for any installation over 11 kWp and any network upgrades paid for.

LED Lighting Upgrade

The building is mainly lit by fluorescent tube luminaires.



The recommendation was to replace 67 fluorescent fittings with an LED equivalent.

Following the boiler upgrade this is the next priority.

Upgrading to LED lighting will reduce the consumption of electricity. A saving of circa 34% from total electrical consumption has been estimated based on the calculations from the actual number of fittings being replaced and assumed hours of operation.

There is also scope for PIR sensing and subsequent lighting control; it may be suitable in some settings such as the toilets, and corridors where it will reduce the burn hours of the lamps.

LED lamps also produce better lighting without the flickering that is associated with fluorescent lighting.

Summary

Given the 40 year age of the gas boilers, the frequent breakdowns and the scarceness of spare parts, their replacement has been the primary focus of the Trustees over the last three years in steadily building the reserves so contribute to the overall cost.

The installation of LED lighting is a no-brainer. The estimate cost is between £15,000 and £20,000, so any grant money received which allows the Trustees to keep their contribution to below £65,000 will enable this work to happen sooner.

Solar PV will be the next priority.

2) Where the organisations referred to in the footfall document who hire the venue are based;

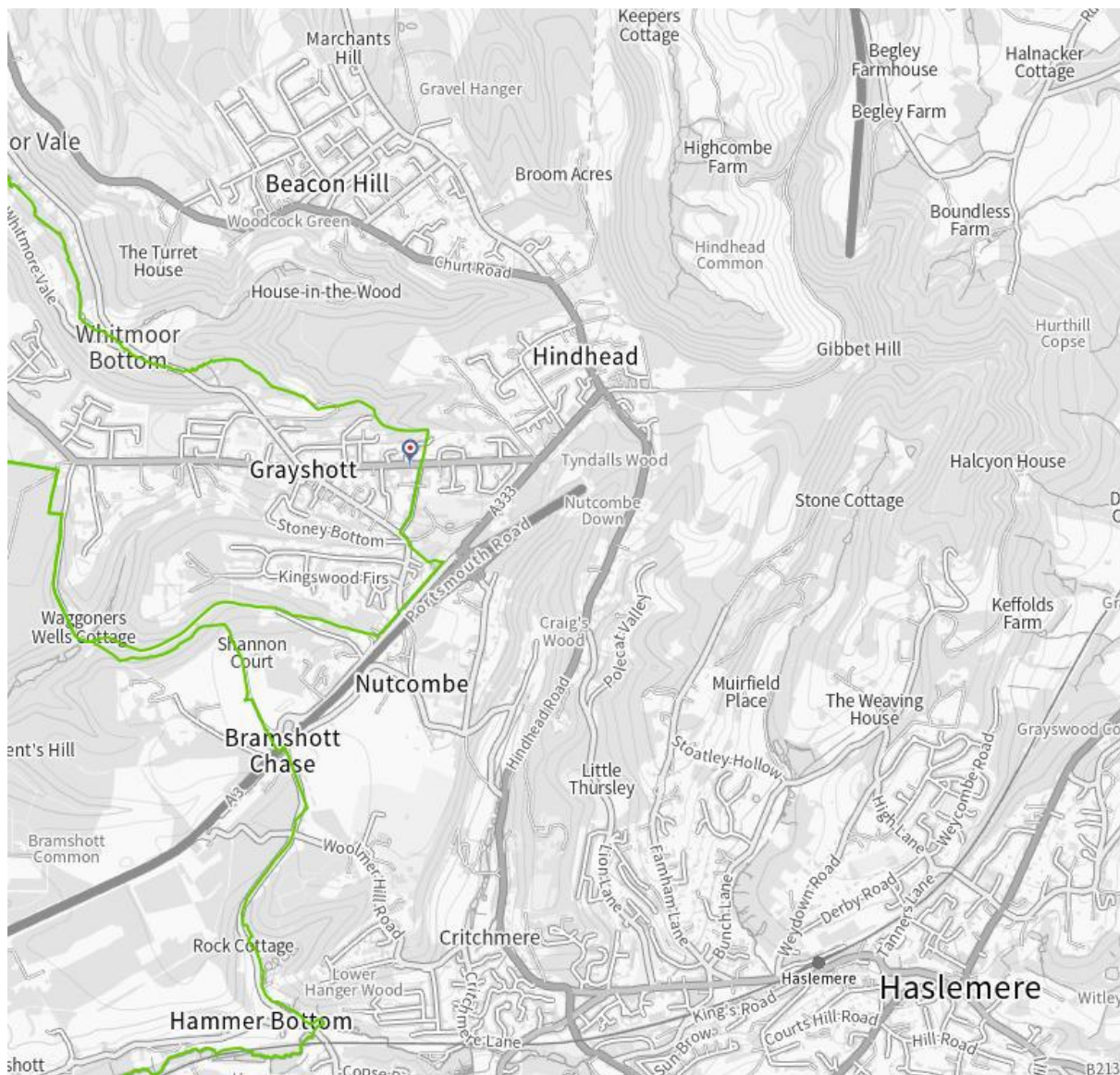
Based on invoicing details, the user organisations are based in the following locations:

| NAME | LOCATION |
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| Grayshott Bridge Club | Hindhead |
| The Arts Society Grayshott | Hindhead |
| Friday Art | Hindhead |
| The Grayshott Stagers | Grayshott |
| Grayshott Art Society | Grayshott |
| Grayshott Gardeners | Grayshott |
| Haslemere & District Dog Training Club | Haslemere |
| Badminton Club | Headley |
| WI | Haslemere |
| Elaine Collins | Headley Down |
| David Edwards | Haslemere |
| Dudley Dance Worku | Hindhead |
| Victoria Evans | Headley Down |
| Iza Filipek | Headley Down |
| Louise Gilbertson | Headley Down |
| Annalisa Gioia Exon | Haslemere |
| Suzanne Fowler | Haslemere |
| Grayshott Housing Assoc | Grayshott |
| Grayshott Folk Club | Grayshott |
| Grayshott Panto | Grayshott |
| Grayshott Parish Council | Grayshott |
| Grayshott Surgery | Hindhead |
| Hidden Valley Forest School | Grayshott |
| Hilary Marston Dance | Petersfield |
| Jill Iliffe | Headley |
| Yvonne Lawrence / Oak House | Grayshott |
| Imagine That Productions | Headley Down |
| Insight Yoga | Hindhead |
| Kylie Jones | Surrey/Hampshire Borders |
| Gill Keitch | Elstead |
| Alison Kirk | London |
| Lannoy Dance | Hindhead |
| Milford & Brook Dance | Milford |
| MOVE with Paula | Haslemere |
| NCT Parent Services | London |
| Procure Health | Haslemere |
| Red Shoes Dance | Haslemere |
| SW Yoga | Farnham |
| Tea Party Grayshott | Grayshott |
| Angela Thompson | Thursley |

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Toddler Sense | Waterlooville |
| Tuesday Art | Grayshott |
| Wells Health & Fitness | Headley Down |
| Yogabudding | Liphook |

44 Total Users. 19 Users from HTC area / Waverley BC

MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF GRAYSHOTT VILLAGE HALL



Grayshott Village Hall is located on the edge of the Grayshott Village / East Hants Boundary and serves local communities within the HTC area.

3) Confirmation of the outcome of all the other funding requests referred to in the application.

Grayshott Parish Council: £10,000 applied for, £10,000 grant awarded 16th March 2026 including £5,000 neighbourhood CIL

National Lottery Communities Fund: £20,000 applied for, £20,000 awarded 2nd April 2026

East Hampshire District Council: £20,000 applied for, outcome not announced until August 2026. Our project actually sits outside their timeline so will probably be unsuccessful on that basis

In summary, with a total project cost of £100,000 we have secured grants to date of £30,000 towards the minimum of £35,000 that we require to match fund our contribution of £65,000. Any grant monies for this project in excess of this will enable GVH to reduce its contribution use its own funds for other works such as LED lighting.

Trustee

9th April 2026