Grant application

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Contribution to costs of running and maintaining 1st Holbrook Brownies
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-Brown Owl (pack leader)
- Barclays Community Account, 1st Holbrook Brownie Pack, 20-44-51, 90452246
- Total cost of project £2000, any contribution would have a positive impact on sustaining Holbrook Brownies
- Central Girlguiding administration - estimated to be £2000 in total. This has to be covered from weekly subs, and is in addition to the money required to hold the weekly meetings - this covers venue hire, craft materials, paying for visiting guests, external visits to adventure/nature events and annual sleepover at HallowTree Scout Activity Centre,Ipswich.
- Due to these rising centralised costs the number of activities has had to be paired back in recent years to ensure the subs paid by parents allow a fully inclusive Brownie pack in Holbrook
- The cost for each Brownie is currently £160 a year and rising, 50% of which is the centralised costs from Girlguiding
- Brownies is a part of Girlguiding UK, with the age range from 7-10 year old girls.
- Being a Brownie is something very unique in the digital age we now live in. The emphasis is on crafts, games, adventurous activities (like Jump, sledging, archery, Clip and Climb, den building are just a few of the external activities), promoting teamwork, mutual respect and personal achievement through Badge work and self development.
- Holbrook Brownies is the only remaining Brownie pack on the peninsula with the next nearest one in either Brantham or Ipswich. As a voluntary organisation it takes many hours of time and resourcefulness to keep it going, but due to rising costs and no additional subsidies, we are going to have to significantly raise the amount parents pay in the future. This is against our ethos of keeping weekly subscriptions as low as possible to enable Brownies to be available to all, regardless of family income. We have a healthy waiting list, with parents putting their daughter's names down as young as 3, so there is clearly a demand. Additional funding will secure our Brownie group not only for the current girls but for future generations.