

Grants available for communities to help prevent crime

A brand new fund has been launched in partnership between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), Somerset Community Foundation (SCF) and Quartet Community Foundation (QCF).

The Commissioner's Crime Prevention Fund will support community projects and activities across Avon and Somerset that help to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.

Community groups and charities can now apply for grants (money that does not need to be paid back) of between £1,000 to £5,000 from the Commissioner's Crime Prevention Fund to help create safer communities in our area.

Mark Shelford, Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner, said of the fund: "I am delighted that my office, SCF and QCF have set up this important Crime Prevention fund to help create safer communities.

"Local residents know their neighbourhoods better than anyone and we want to help communities prevent crime in their area. We want to support a real range of projects that help prevent crime as outlined in my Police and Crime Plan. So, if you, your neighbours or your community have ideas, initiatives or projects that does just this, please apply for a grant so local people can benefit from reduced crime. I look forward to supporting and visiting these projects – start applying"

A total of £200,000 is available from the fund. There will be three opportunities to apply across the year.

Groups based in Somerset should apply for a grant by visiting Somerset Community Foundation's website, here: www.somersetcf.org.uk/opcc or by calling 01749 344949 before the deadline of Friday 27 May, 2022.

Any groups based in BANES, Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire should apply to Quartet Community Foundation: www.quartetcf.org.uk/grant-programmes/opcc