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Dear John,

As your local Member of Parliament, I am always keen to help, and to keep you informed of current initiatives and grants that I become aware of that could be of possible benefit to the parish and communities you represent.

The recent Autumn Budget and spending review was important in setting out the spending plans which help us bounce back from the pandemic. The remarkable way that communities have come together to support each other through the pandemic has been inspiring. I would love to see us harness that resilience and neighbourliness to build up even stronger communities.

There may be opportunities for you, as a parish, to bid for grants and funds and I highlight a few which I thought may be of potential interest:

The Community Ownership Fund - which will help communities take ownership of assets and amenities at risk of closure. The £150 million fund will run for four years, with around 8 bidding rounds – the next one opening this December. If there is an asset of value locally that could be run sustainably for the long-term benefit of the community and which you think may qualify, I would be happy to try to support.

Electric Vehicle charging grants - I am keen to see the roll-out of more low carbon-emission initiatives. The Government has pledged an extra £620 million for electric car grants and infrastructure. There is a wide range of support from the Government Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) for adding on-street and car-park infrastructure for both residents and local authorities for projects that can be completed before 31st March 2023. OZEV grants are available for businesses, charities and local authorities and I would be willing to write a letter of support for any suitable scheme applying for funds.



The Youth Investment Fund - This £560 million fund will support hundreds of youth clubs in England. This includes youth centres, scout huts and activity centres. There is further funding available for grassroots sports, to include community football pitches and tennis courts.

Next year, is the Queens Platinum Jubilee and I hope that it the extended Bank Holiday in June will be a wonderful time of celebration and reflection on the work and dedication of Her Majesty The Queen. There are some grants which you might be able to access which could help get the village ready. The **Government's Welcome Back Fund** for example, which builds on the £50 million Reopening High Street Safely Fund, aims to help boost the look of high streets, which could include Jubilee flower planting, removing graffiti, and improvement of green spaces and seating areas.

I am heartened by the range of opportunities available to families, young people, and communities. If Steyning Parish Council is interested in submitting applications do please let me know so that I can get behind the bid with a suitable letter of support.

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be help in any other way.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Griffith".

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