

FUNDING

Case Study



At A Glance

Challenges they faced

- County Council funding for council-run group withdrawn
- No or very little experience in forming and running a group
- No experience in writing funding applications

How we helped

- They were able to complete applications and apply for funding
- They wrote their governance documents & business plans
- They were able to secure funds for key equipment & hire costs



"Hunts Forum have been very supportive. With their help we are now more confident in our ability to successfully apply for funding to keep this vital resource available for families in St Neots."

Dawn Hall

Founder of ASD Club

Activity, Socialising and Developing (ASD) Club is a small support group of parents aiming to support older children on the Autistic spectrum in the St Neots area

ISSUES

All of those running this group had never been involved in this way before and had minimal experience, especially in writing funding applications. Through working together, development officers were able to help the group structure its applications and make its case for funding and secure successful applications.

Solutions

Hunts Forum have continued to work with them by providing a model, or scaffold, to help people new to community fundraising make their case for support, including using screen share to write and discuss applications together online. This year, we also helped them with an application to Tesco's Blue Tokens. They were successful in being accepted onto this and once their time came, the promotional text we wrote together helped them to raise £1,000

Benefits

Benefits One

The club has become established and has achieved the necessary funding to keep running for the time-being.

Benefits Two

The club has given the town of St Neots a legacy group for parents helping to make the town an Autistic Spectrum Disorder friendly environment

Benefits Three

They take an active and complete part in the life and activities of St Neots while feeling connected, welcomed, accepted and understood.