

## It's Our Community Charter

**It's Our Community** exists to inspire us all to make a positive change to the communities in which we live.

Awards should be for the benefit of the community or to build community spirit.

If your idea is any of the following:

- a physical improvement that you can touch.
- likely to make real, tangible results that you can see.
- demonstrates fresh, bold thinking and is innovative enough to inspire others.

### **Why not apply and see what you can do?**

On the other hand, if your idea is any of the following:

- to top up existing funds
- a one-off project which may not have lasting impact
- aligned with political or religious organisations
- to raise money for third-party giving organisation
- for a project outside the Isle of Man
- on private property or land
- aimed at supporting an individual
- a school project which supports the national curriculum but does not involve the wider community
- to host a fundraising event
- to sponsor community events, such as fetes, festivals or recreational clubs

...then **It's Our Community** may not be the right scheme for you.

### **It's Our Community Categories**

Below are some examples of the types of projects we help out with. We've found they fall naturally into three main groups. But obviously this list isn't exhaustive, and we're open to new, ground-breaking suggestions outside these four areas.

#### **Community Places - Improving the places communities share**

Revitalising and reinvigorating our community spaces. Maybe you need new training equipment for your junior sports teams, or a lick of paint for your community centre? Either way there's lots to improve, have a think.

#### **Community Pride - Tackling issues head on and restoring a sense of pride**

Helping put the pride back into our community. What changes can you make to help make your community proud?

#### **Community Landscape - Improving communities natural environments**

Improving the natural environments where we live. Creating community gardens or planting trees. It's your landscape and you can change it.