



THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Donations Policy

Section 137 allows for expenditure, subject to certain conditions, which in the opinion of the Council is “in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, its area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants”

The amount allowed in total under section 137 expenditure is determined annually by government as an amount per elector.

All expenditure under section 137 should be agreed and accounted for in the same way that all other Council expenditure is.

All moneys spent are available for public view in the Thornborough Parish Council minutes and the annual audited accounts published on the Thornborough Parish website.

When deciding whether to approve a donation, Thornborough Parish Council will use the following criteria (identified under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972):

- Is in the interests of the parish
- Will bring direct benefit to the parish or any part of it
- Will bring direct benefit to all or some of its inhabitants

The approval of donations will be decided by discussion at open meetings of Thornborough Parish Council.

Thornborough Parish Council currently makes annual donations as follows:

- St Mary the Virgin Church £300 per annum maximum
towards churchyard maintenance
- Thornborough News £800 per annum maximum
- Thornborough Village Hall £1,000 per annum, approved until 2028.

St Mary’s Parochial Parish Council and the Editor of Thornborough News are required to provide an annual report of expenditure for the approval of the donation for each financial year. The annual Village Hall donation was approved for five years to support the major renovation grant application. There is an annual report from the Chair of Village Hall Trustees prepares which includes relevant financial information.

Approved by Thornborough Parish Council on 18 February 2026