



Bicester Village's 'Make a Difference' Fund

Bicester Village is committed to positive integration with its neighbouring communities. Its community relations programme aims to bring sustainable benefits to both the local town and region.

This year, in addition to its annual investment in community relations projects, Bicester Village is delighted to announce the "Make a Difference" fund. The fund has a total of £22,000 to award to not-for-profit organisations for projects benefitting the Bicester community. The maximum award to any one organisation will be £4,000.

Who can apply?

To be eligible, applicants must be not-for-profit organisations (such as charities, social enterprises, community groups and voluntary organisations) that are based in, or primarily supporting activities within Bicester [or surrounding areas].

What type of project can we support?

We are interested in projects that Make a Difference to our local community. We are looking to support projects that add value and create the potential for continued growth and future benefit, focusing on the following three key themes:

- **Togetherness:** Activities to help people to get to know one another; finding ways to help and encourage those that may be isolated or excluded to get involved; improving community cohesion
- **Young People:** Activities to improve the lives of young people by increasing their skills; raising their aspirations and breaking down barriers to their employment
- **Healthy Living:** Activities to improve the health and wellbeing of our local community by promoting active lifestyles or other health improvement initiatives.

Through this fund, Bicester Village is hoping to support local organisations that might not normally qualify for grants or public funding but which can make a genuine difference in 2018. The fund is not designed to support the general running costs of an organisation or the continuation of existing and ongoing work or projects.

Application process and timetable

- Please complete the application form and return to Bicester Village via email MakeADifference@BicesterVillage.com or via post

Make a Difference Fund Applications
Value Retail
50 Pingle Drive
Bicester
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- **The deadline for the receipt of completed applications is 1 March 2018. We are not able to consider applications received after that date.**

If you require assistance, please contact Bicester Village via
MakeADifference@BicesterVillage.com