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Your chance to find out more about the Council’s conservation grants

Community groups can find out more about grant funding available to improve derelict buildings and sites in Fenland at a free event next month.

Fenland District Council is holding an open evening for groups and organisations to learn more about its ‘Changing Views’ grant scheme, which aims to improve the appearance of empty buildings and boarded up sites across the district.

The event is being held at Fenland Hall in County Road, March, on Thursday, June 13, from 6pm to 7pm. It is open to all local community groups, organisations and charities, as well as landowners and landlords of potential sites.

Attendees will be able to find out more about the grant criteria, as well as get expert advice and guidance from grant administrators.

Grants of up to £500 are available for each project, or 50 per cent match funding for projects costing between £500 and £5,000, where volunteers or landowners part fund the work.

To qualify for a grant, the buildings or sites must be visible from the street and be located in either a town or village centre, a gateway to a town or village (provided it falls within development boundaries) or within a conservation area.

Previously funded projects have included planters to improve the frontage of Guyhirn Village Hall, and Chatteris In Bloom purchased banners to enhance hoardings in the town. Wisbech In Bloom added planting and artwork at 11-12 High Street, Wisbech, and planting was also carried out at the town’s Chapel Road car park in a joint project between Wisbech In Bloom and Wisbech Street Pride.

A Council spokesperson said: “We are keen to see more groups take advantage of the cash that is on offer. Improvements to boarded-up and vacant sites not only enhance the street scene and character of the local environment but they also assist in the conservation of town centres and help promote regeneration.

“The open evening is a great way to find out more about the grant scheme and how to apply, and I would encourage as many groups as possible to come along and make the most of it.”

Any groups wishing to attend the Changing Views open evening should contact Rebecca Robinett, the Council’s Street Pride co-ordinator, on robinett@fenland.gov.uk or 01354 654321 before Friday, May 31.

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