Grant Proposal – 21 November 2022, Cllr Dempsey-Gray

I saw a new round of funding by way of a cost of living community grant fund, from East Suffolk Council.

I came up with an idea for us to use the grant in our community to feed nutritious meals to people who need help. This would provide someone with a job for a few hours, two days a week, preparing simple yet filling meals that could be collected for anyone.

I would apply for the money to

- 1 rent the village hall kitchen
- 2 employ a temporary community cook
- 3 order food twice weekly to be delivered
- 4 buy take away containers to allow people to collect the food and take home

This scheme I thought would work well with the Warm Room scheme and would coincide with that running on a Tuesday and a Friday, however, this could also be run as a stand alone project.

I spoke with the local environmental agent who was very kind and said it would be simple to get permission to use the village hall to do such a project with his help. We would look to keep it plant based to assist with risk controls of food. A similar scheme has been set up and running in Orford.

The finer details I would need to work on eg how much to apply for and how long the scheme could run, once full council approval is sought.

Thank you.