



**Bournville**  
*Village Trust*

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## **Funding request**

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Dear members of The Gorge Parish Council,

I would like to request that the Oak Tree Centre is included on the annual support for community centres funding, as part of your yearly budget.

The Oak Tree Centre is part of the Gorge Parish, and is situated in Lightmoor Village. The Centre runs on a deficit budget, meaning that not all the costs are covered to run the building and the services it provides.

Bournville Village Trust subsidise the running costs, including a large service charge to Telford and Wrekin Council. Lightmoor Village residents pay a small contribution to the Oak Tree Centre as part of their Stewardship Charge. Whilst we have been able to reduce the deficit year on year, there is still a gap that has to be subsidised.

The Oak Tree Centre has been open since September 2010, items like chairs and tables are starting to need replacing, some of the IT equipment is now out of date and the building décor needs refreshing.

The Centre is used by many residents throughout the parish, taking part in education and training, exercise classes, as well as hiring the meeting rooms and event space. We provide a drop in IT suite that is available for all to use.

Bournville Village Trust is a registered charity, one of our aims is building communities, as such, we offer large discounts of room hire at the Oak Tree Centre for other charities and local community groups and organisations.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request, I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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