Report on the use of the grant to fund the use of the community hall for private instrumental music tuition

I applied to the ADT for a grant in June 2020 to enable me to teach violin in the community halls in a covid-secure way, allowing social distancing and all the protocols of ventilation, hand washing and mask-wearing required. This enabled me to alternate online learning with teaching in person and all the advantages that this brings, particularly being able to play along with the learner on violin or piano.

Due to access to the hall, nine of my pupils were able to do their ABRSM Graded music exams which had been cancelled in March amid much disappointment. The exam board developed a digital version of the exam, which learners were able to record in the hall, accompanied by myself on the piano. They all passed!

None of this grant was for me personally, all of it was channelled to the village hall. My proposal was to use the village hall for two evenings and the church hall for the other two evenings per week. Unfortunately the church hall was not yet available for hire so the village hall has been the sole beneficiary. I taught in person lessons for four alternate weeks between August and October, and for five alternate weeks, with an increased uptake, between October and December as set out below.

		Term 1 (Aug-Oct) 4 weeks	Term 2 (Oct-Dec) 5 weeks	Total
Grant application	10 hours per week @ £10 per hour hall hire	£10 x 10 hours per week for 4 weeks = £400		£900
Actual usage		£10 x 8 hours per week for 4 weeks = £320	£10 x 9 hours per week for 5 weeks = £450	£770

This grant has enabled me to continue my work in a way that benefits my 20 students from the local area and particularly give the village hall a small funding stream to help covers its continuing costs.

With thanks, Fiona Chalamanda 18 Dec 2020