**Expression of Interest - Ballinger Charitable Trust Microgrants**

Micro-grants of £500 are available to volunteer-led groups supporting older people (55 and over) in west and north Northumberland, with a general focus on communities experiencing rural deprivation.

In this context rural deprivation includes but is not limited to:

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| Limited public transport | Poor broadband and mobile connectivity |
| High fuel and heating costs | Closure of local services |
| Limited access to healthcare | Social isolation |
| Low digital skills | Hidden poverty and stigma |
| Aging population | Difficulty accessing affordable food |

Activities should run between autumn 2025 and end of summer 2026.

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| Organisation Name |
| Your Name & Contact Details |
| Your Project Idea  Briefly tell us what you would like to do and the main costs. (This should only be a few sentences) |

Please return this form to Marc Johnson [marcjohnson@ca-north.org.uk](mailto:marcjohnson@ca-north.org.uk)

If shortlisted, you will be asked to meet with the Ballinger Trust to discuss your project idea. This is an informal 10-minute chat and there is no presentation required.