

**PROPOSAL FOR USE OF THE £10,000 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT RECEIVED BY
ROTHWELL TOWN COUNCIL – CLLR CEDWIEN BROWN**

I am very keen that the money that Rothwell Town Council received as a Small Business Grant during the Covid – 19 Pandemic is used for the residents of Rothwell's benefit and I would like to propose the following:

£5,000 is used for a Christmas Party for the Senior Citizens of Rothwell to include a Christmas Lunch, some musical entertainment, and a small gift if possible, to be held in December 2021 providing all Covid restrictions have been lifted and it is safe to do so. Liaison would take place with other voluntary organisations and charities on the criteria for eligibility.

Christmas 2020 was a sad time for many of our older residents as there were restrictions in place preventing many seeing their families and meant that a lot of elderly people spent Christmas all alone.

June 2022 sees the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth's reign and there is to be an extra Bank Holiday at the beginning of June to mark the occasion. The other £5000 could be used to put on a "Party In The Park" to celebrate this with food and entertainment for all Rothwell residents.

If there is any money left over from the Christmas Party it should be added to the Party In The Park Fund and both should be held in earmarked reserves and ring-fenced for these purposes.

By doing this the Town Council is also helping the Rothwell Citizens Welfare Committee, who's fund raising was severely compromised during the pandemic as all their events had to be cancelled.

Cllr Cedwien Brown