



Community

Agenda for GRANTS 08/06/26 @ 18:00

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Melksham
TOWN COUNCIL



Friday 29 May 2026

Dear Councillors J Westbrook, P Aves, E Calland, J Crossley, G Elson, T Price and A Whitlock

Ref: Community Grants Meeting, Monday 8 June 2026

You are summoned in accordance with the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972, Sch 12, paras 10 (2)(b) to a meeting of the Community Grants Committee of Melksham Town Council for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below.

Monday 8 June 2026, to be held at 18.00 in the Council Chamber, Melksham Town Hall, Market Place, Melksham, SN12 6ES.

The quorum for Community Development is 4.

Public Participation

Members of the public and the press may attend this meeting in person or join the meeting on Teams via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/4j4d4fdc> . Public participation will take place near the start of the meeting.

Each speaker is limited to three minutes, with a total public session of 20 minutes. Members of the public are requested to send their questions to CEO@melksham-tc.gov.uk by noon on the working day before the meeting. You should still attend the meeting, in person or online, to ask your question.

No decisions will be made on matters not already on the agenda. The Council may ask the public and press to leave if confidential matters need to be discussed.

The Seven Principles of Public Life.

All members are reminded of their duty under the code of conduct to uphold the Seven Principles of Public Life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hayley Bell
CEO

Community Development Committee Terms of Reference

The Community Development Committee will be responsible for matters relating to all events staged, managed or involved with in relation to the Town. This will involve the preparation and management of event planning and gaining relevant permissions required.

1. **Membership** – seven elected Members.
 - 1.1 Invited officers and volunteers to enable events to be run, who have will have no voting rights.
 - 1.2 No business may be transacted at a meeting unless at least 50% of the whole number of members of the committee, rounded up, are present.
 - 1.3 Substitution of Members - Substitutes should be nominated by the Member of the Committee planning to be absent and notified to the Proper Officer in writing by 3pm on the day of the meeting.
2. **Delegated Business** – The Committee has been delegated to deal with the following matters on an ongoing basis or to conclusion:
 - 2.1 All community events;
 - 2.2 Community activities and engagement including the development of a community group network;
 - 2.3 Community Hub – virtual or physical;
 - 2.4 Public Arts Projects;
 - 2.5 South-West in Bloom and Melksham Gardening Competition;
 - 2.6 Marketing and Promotion;
 - 2.7 Civic Awards;
 - 2.8 Review all budget lines and monthly accounts for all events;
 - 2.9 To work with and support existing and new community groups, clubs, and centres.
 - 2.10 Allocation of grants within the agreed criteria and budget of the Town Council
3. **Referred Business** – To consider and make recommendations to the Town Council on the following matters:
 - 3.1 Budget estimates, to be prepared no later than September each year and submitted to the RFO;



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- 3.2 To approve expenditure within budget and to refer any requests for expenditure over budget to Full Council;
- 3.3 To approve expenditure for projects allocated within Earmarked Reserves.

Agenda

Community Grants

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| 1. | Apologies | 19.00 – 19.01 |
| | To receive and consider acceptance for apologies and absences
(Local Government Act, 1972 s.85) | |
| 2. | Declaration of interests | 19.01 – 19.02 |
| | To declare an interest relating to the business of the meeting.
(Melksham Town Council Code of Conduct) | |
| 3. | Minutes | 19.02 – 19.05 |
| | To approve the minutes of the previous meeting 8 th December 2025
(Local Government Act 1972, s. 12) | |
| 4. | Public Participation | 19.05 – 19.25 |
| | To allow public participation, 3 minutes per person; 20-minute allocation. We would request that if your Public Participation does not relate specifically to grants that you bring it up at the Community meeting immediately following this meeting.
(Local Government Act 1972, s. 12) | |
| 5. | Grants | |
| | For decision on the following community grant applications | |
| 5.1 | 1 st Bowerhill Scout Group | |
| 5.2 | Families Out Loud | |
| 5.3 | Melksham Transport User Group | |
| 5.4 | British Cactus and Succulent Society Wiltshire Branch | |
| 5.5 | Melksham Gardeners Society | |
| 5.6 | Friends of Shurnhold Fields | |
| 5.7 | Group Five | |
| 5.8 | Wessex MS Therapy Centre | |

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Community Development Committee Grants Meeting

on Monday 8th December 2025

PRESENT: Councillor J Westbrook Chair
 Councillor R Cleary Vice Chair
 Councillor P Aves
 Councillor E Calland
 Councillor J Crossley
 Councillor G Elson
 Councillor S Rabey

IN ATTENDANCE

OFFICERS Ian Cunningham Community Officer
 Andrew Meacham Committee Clerk

PUBLIC members of the public were present from the grant application organisations

29/25 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Drewett, who was subbed by Councillor Crossley

30/25 Declaration of Interest

Councillor G Elson declared an interest for an involvement with Friends of Gifford Surgery.

Councillor J Westbrook and Councillor P Aves declared an interest for involvement with Melksham Community Larder.

31/25 Grants

The application from the W.I was withdrawn.

There was no attendance from Friends of River Mead School.

Representatives of the applicant organisations spoke and members asked questions.

Members voted to award grants as follows

- Melksham Foodbank & Lifeline CIO £1000.00
- Melksham Lions £559.98
- Wiltshire Digital Drive CIC £1000.00
- Celebrating Age Wiltshire £1000.00
- Friends of Gifford Surgery £1000.00
- Melksham Community Larder £200.00
- Friends of River Mead School £120.00
- Fear Free £1000.00

A total of £5879.98 was awarded.

Councillor Elson abstained on the vote for Friends of Gifford Surgery.

Councillor J Westbrook and Councillor Aves abstained on the vote for Melksham Community Larder.

Meeting closed at: 18:45

Signed Dated

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	Applied	Organisation	Type	Amount?	Charity	Brief Purpose
A	17/01/2026	1 st Bowerhill Scouts Group	Community	£869	Yes	Tomahawk axes
B	04/03/2026	LEMMS LTD Trading as The Hiding Place	Community	£1000	No	Accessible, inclusive community hub programme
C	05/03/2026	Families Out Loud	Community	£1000	Yes	Free professional counselling sessions for residents of Melksham Town
D	08/03/2026	Melksham Transport User Group	Community	£750	No	Equipment, stock, and building repairs for a volunteer-run and staffed passenger support facility at Melksham Railway Station
E	09/03/2026	British Cactus and Succulent Society Wiltshire Branch	Facility	£364.50	No	Hire of Assembly Hall for their Annual Cactus & Succulent Show
F	13/03/2026	Melksham Gardeners Society	Facility	£388	No	Hire of Assembly Hall for their Flower and Produce Show
G	16/03/2026	Friends of Shurnhold Fields	Community	£1000	No	Car park planting bed/willow arch
H	20/04/2026	GROUP FIVE	Community	£1000	Yes	Van insurance and road tax
I	30/04/2026	Wessex MS Therapy Centre	Community	£1000	Yes	Free Neuro-Physiotherapy sessions for habitants of Melksham with Multiple Sclerosis

B: More information was requested on the programme. While the grant was intended for community use, the organisation is a for-profit company, and it was decided they do not fit the requirements set out by the Grants Policy to apply.

E: Event date has passed; it was felt that due to the change in dates of this meeting, the application should come to council for consideration retrospectively.

F: Original application requested a Community grant; confirmed the organisation intended to apply for a Facilities Hire grant.

H: Insurance is considered a running cost under Schedule 1 of the Grants Policy; however, the Council have occasionally made exceptions in the past.

Funds available	£10000
Total requested June 2026	£5983.50
Difference	£4016.50

1st Bowerhill Scout Group

Submission Date Jan 17, 2026 1:53 PM

Organisation/Group Name 1st Bowerhill Scout Group

Which type of grant are you applying for? Please refer to policy

Community Grants

If applying for a Community Grant, is the maximum that can be applied for is £1000

No

Please confirm that your organisation has:

Its own bank/building society current account, in the name of the organisation, with two unrelated signatories

At least three members on its management committee/board

A written governing document (e.g. a constitution, memorandum, articles of association, set of rules or trust deed)

Are you a registered charity ?

Yes

If Yes please provide your charity number

XR43883

Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation?	Yes
If Yes which organisation:	Scout Association
Please tick the categories that best describe your organisation:	Youth Group
What does your organisation do and how does it benefit the community and/or individuals in the area covered by Melksham Town Council?	1st Bowerhill Scout Group provides a varied and exciting weekly programme of activities for young people aged 5-18 years old living in the Melksham Town Council area and beyond.
Project or Service Name:	Tomahawk axes
Please describe what the funding is being requested for:	Teaching Scouts new and fun skills is what scouting is all about (skills for Life). Outdoors activities teach resilience and confidence and is great for mental wellbeing. Learning to do dangerous activities in a safe manner is a key part of this and axe (or more specifically tomahawk) throwing is a great way to learn to handle dangerous tools safely as well as learning a new skill. The equipment we need will last a lifetime and will create many lifelong memories. Our Scouts, of all ages, tried this last year and are still talking about it! We can share the equipment and our volunteers time to offer this to other local groups in the area. 1st Bowerhill Scout Group are looking for a grant for the following tomahawk equipment: 3x Norse hawk throwing axes for £162, 3x Frontier Hawks for £117, 8x Small hawk axes for £400 and 3x target rounds and stands for £190. The total amount for the tomahawk equipment is £869.
What evidence do you have that this project/service is required in the area covered by Melksham Town Council?	1st Bowerhill Scout Group engage over 35 young people from the Melksham Town Council area. The investment in tomahawk axes equipment will teach young people how to use axes safely.
What evidence do you have that this project/service is will benefit the community and/or individuals based in the area covered by Melksham Town Council?	We have census evidence that over 35 young people from the Melksham Town Council area members of 1st Bowerhill Scout Group .
What evidence do you have of adverse effects on the community and/or individuals based in the area covered by Melksham Town Council if your project/service does not continue?	If this project does not continue, then the young people of 1st Bowerhill Scout Group won't be able to access a wide variety of activities involving axes.
How many people in total will benefit from this grant?	75
How many of the beneficiaries are residents of the area covered by Melksham Town Council?	35

Please explain how you calculated the number of beneficiaries within the area covered by Melksham Town Council?

We have used Scout census information to calculate who lives in the Melksham Town Council area.

Estimated Total Cost of Project?

869

Grant Amount requested?

869

What are your current or planned subs/fees/charges?

We charge young people £120 a year to attend Bowerhill Scout Group.

Please detail all received and applied for grant applications, sponsorship and in kind donations Please refer to the bullet points below for full details of what to include ?

Source	Amount	ConfirmedY/N?
Wiltshire Area Board	400	N
Melksham Without Parish Council	2000	n

How will you spend the grant money you are applying for?

Expenditure	Amount	ConfirmedY/N?
Tomahawk axes	869	Y

Please tick to confirm that this grant application meets the following criteria

Is NOT for a private organisation operating as a business to make a profit or surplus.

Is NOT for a national organisation or charity.

Is NOT for an "Upward Funder" (e.g. a local group whose fundraising is sent to central Headquarters for redistribution).

Will NOT be passed on to any other individuals or groups (except to pay for goods and services).

Is NOT for a political or religious organisation.

Is NOT for an activity that is completely funded from another funding source.

Is NOT for loans or interest payments.

Is NOT for an organisation whose function is primarily undertaken by the Health Authority or Wiltshire Council's Social Services.

Is NOT for an organisation that discriminates on the grounds of race, religion, age, gender, transgender, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy or any disability.

Is NOT for any expenditure incurred or committed before confirmation of the grant (e.g. for a one-off project which has already happened).

Is the Grant requested for general or ongoing running costs such as salaries or rent?

Is the Grant requested for general or ongoing running costs such as salaries or rent?

No

Has your group/organisation previously received funding from Melksham Town Council

Yes

If Yes what year was it awarded?

Unknown

How much was awarded?

Unknown

What was the funding for?

Unknown

Is the funding for security measures?

No

Is the funding for work with vulnerable adults or children?

No

Upload a copy of your governing document, (e.g. constitution, memorandum, articles of association, set of rules or trust deed)

Upload a copy of your most recent accounts

Upload a copy of your most recent bank statement & details of any other investments/savings

A copy of your Safeguarding Policy

A copy of your Equal Opportunities Policy or Statement

A copy of your Environmental Policy (or evidence of the environmentally responsible and sustainable practices of your organisation.

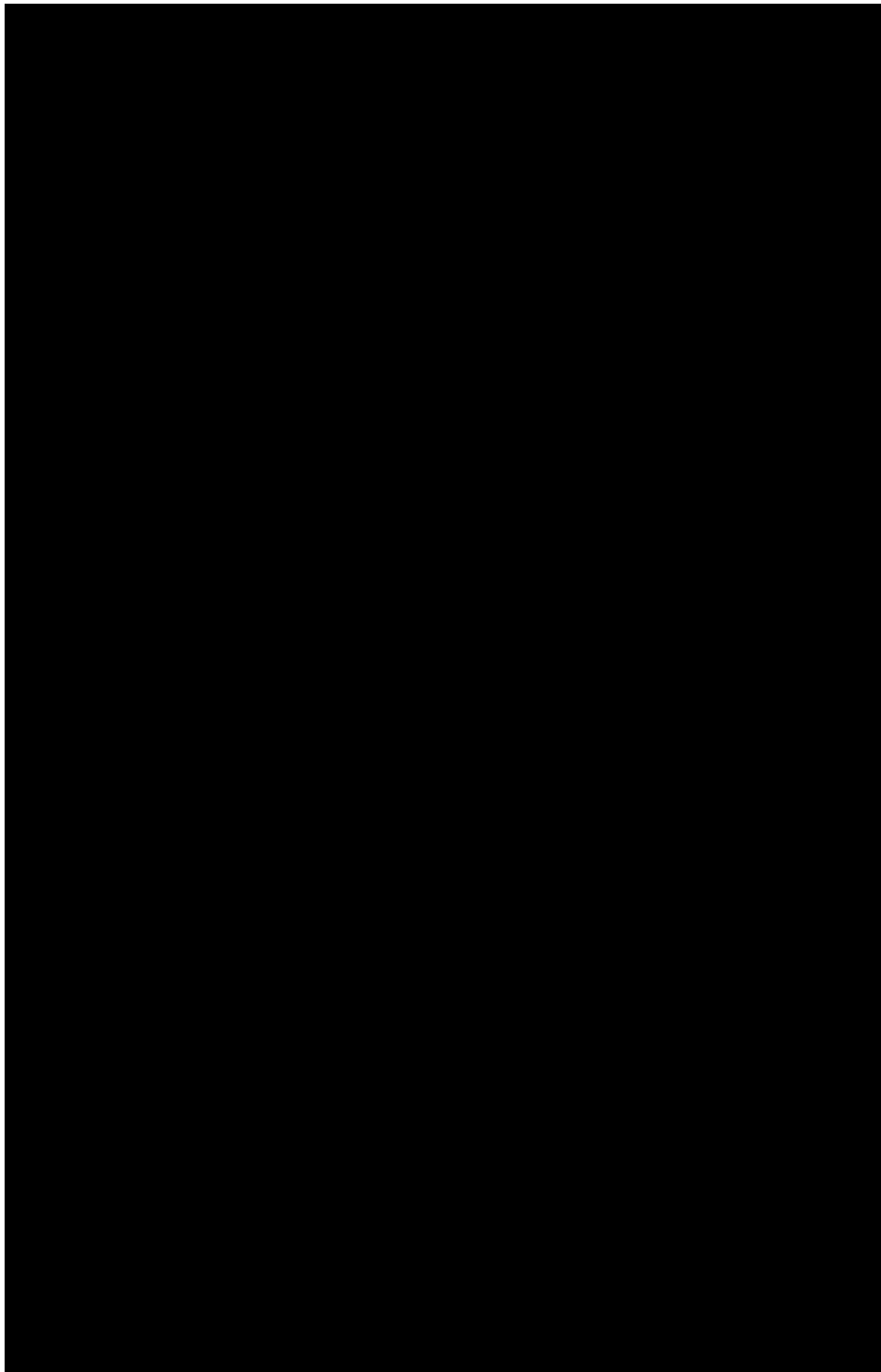
Name of Account

Account Number

Sort Code:

Signature

Date



Do you give consent for photos to be provided or taken of you and your organisation for use in social media, press releases and future grant marketing

Opt In

Would you like your information retained to be contacted about grant opportunities from Melksham Town Council Events

Opt In

About You and Your Organisation

6. Name of organisation? *

Families Out Loud

7. Primary contact? *

[Redacted]

8. Postcode? *

Please provide your full postcode.

[Redacted]

9. Please enter the rest of your address. *

[Redacted]

3. Has your organisation previously received funding from Melksham Town Council? *

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Yes

No

Eligibility - Part 3

4. Do you work with children or vulnerable people? *

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Yes

No

5. Can you provide a copy of your Safeguarding Policy? *

Yes

No

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10. Contact phone number? *

Enter your answer

11. Email address? *

12. Please confirm that your organisation has (required): *

Please select 3 options.

- its own bank or building society account, in the name of the organisation, with two unrelated signatories;
- at least three members on its management committee/board;
- a written governing document (e.g. a constitution, memorandum, articles of association, set of rules or trust deed).

13. Are you a registered charity? *

- Yes
- No

14. Please provide your registered charity number. *

15. Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation? *

- Yes
- No

16. Which categories best describe your organisation? *

- Charitable organisation
- Youth group
- Senior citizen group
- Sports club
- Art group
- Advice organisation
- Organisation assisting the disabled
- Minority group
- Community building
- Community event
- Health/transport/safety group

Aims of Your Organisation and your Project or Service

This section will ask you about what your organisation does and what you would like to use your grant for.

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17. What does your organisation do and how does it benefit the community and/or individuals in the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

Families Out Loud is a Wiltshire-based charity providing free counselling, therapeutic support and peer support to adults and teenagers affected by someone else's drug or alcohol use.

Within the Melksham Town Council boundary, we currently support 21 adults and 5 teenagers who are residents of the town. Many are coping with anxiety, emotional distress, family breakdown and isolation linked to a loved one's substance use. These challenges often remain hidden, yet they have a significant impact on wellbeing, relationships, employment and school life.

By providing early therapeutic intervention, we help individuals better manage anxiety, understand healthy boundaries, reduce conflict within the home and build resilience. For every one person supported, we estimate up to four additional family members benefit through improved communication and greater emotional stability. This contributes to a stronger, healthier community within Melksham Town.

18. Name of the project or service this grant will support? *

Melksham Town Counselling Programme

19. How will the grant support your project or service? *

A grant of £1,000 will directly fund professional counselling sessions for residents of Melksham Town.

The funding will contribute towards:

- Qualified counsellor delivery time
- Initial assessment
- Safeguarding
- Clinical supervision linked to Melksham clients
- Monitoring and outcome evaluation

This will enable approximately 25 one-hour counselling sessions for town residents, providing structured therapeutic support at an early stage and helping prevent escalation to crisis services.

20. Evidence that this project or service is needed in the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

Families Out Loud already supports residents living within the Melksham Town Council area. Our client data shows that 21 adults and 5 teenagers currently accessing our services live within the town boundary. This demonstrates a clear and ongoing need for specialist support for families affected by someone else's drug or alcohol use.

National research from Adfam estimates that 1 in 10 people in the UK are negatively affected by a family member's drinking or drug use. Applied locally, this suggests that a significant number of Melksham residents may be experiencing the emotional and social impact of addiction within their families.

21. How many people do you estimate will benefit from this grant? *

We estimate that 10–12 individuals will directly benefit from funded counselling sessions. In addition, we estimate that up to 40–50 family members may benefit indirectly through improved relationships, reduced conflict and increased emotional stability within the household.

22. How many of those people will be residents of the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

We estimate that direct beneficiaries will be residents within the Melksham Town Council boundary.

23. Please explain how you calculated/estimated the number who are in the area covered by Melksham Town Council. *

At referral stage we record postcode information for all clients. We have reviewed current and recent service users and identified 21 adults and 5 teenagers living within the Melksham Town Council boundary (excluding Melksham Without Parish).

24. Estimated cost of the whole project or service? *

This value might be larger than the amount you are requesting for the grant.

The estimated annual cost of delivering therapeutic counselling and support to Melksham Town residents is approximately £8,000. This reflects professional counselling fees, safeguarding assessments, clinical supervision and evaluation costs directly associated with service delivery.

25. Are you planning to charge for your project or service? *

Yes

No

26. What are you planning to charge? *

All services are provided free of charge. We invite voluntary donations where individuals feel able to contribute, but no one is excluded due to financial circumstances.

27. Grants of over £250 must be match funded (i.e. obtain equivalent money elsewhere) Please describe any additional funding for your project and, if your request is for over £250, how you are intending to match-fund your grant if awarded. *

e.g. from grants already awarded, grants applied for, promised funding, fund raising activities, donated time or resources in kind.

Families Out Loud receives funding from charitable trusts, local fundraising events and community donations. We have secured multi-year support from Wiltshire-based charitable trusts and other grant makers contributing towards counselling delivery.

The requested £1,000 from Melksham Town Council will be fully match-funded through existing confirmed grant income and unrestricted funds already allocated towards counselling provision. This ensures the Council's contribution forms part of a sustainable funding package directly supporting Melksham residents. This includes applications to Melksham Parish Without and Melksham Almshouse Charities to ensure we are able to fully support the Residents of Melksham.

Accounts and Payment Details

This section asks about your organisation's annual accounts and the bank detail you would like us to use if your grant application is successful. You will be requested to provide a copy of your most recent accounts, and most recent bank statement and any other details of savings or investments.

28. Year ending (for the accounts below) *

[Redacted input field]

29. Total expenditure (£) *

[Redacted input field]

The value must be a number

30. Total income (£) *

[Redacted input field]

The value must be a number

31. Balance (£) *

[Redacted input field]

32. Total savings and investments (£) *

(deposit accounts etc.)

[Redacted input field]

33. Are your total savings more than your annual expenditure? *

Yes

No

34. What is the name on your bank account? *

[Redacted input field]

35. What is the bank account number? *

[Redacted input field]

36. What is your sort code? *

[Redacted input field]

Type of Grant

We offer 3 types of grant:

Community: Up to £1000 (awarded twice per year)

Core Grants: Annual payments over 4 years (already awarded)

Facilities Hire (use of our rentable facilities e.g. the Assembly Hall)

If you are applying for a Facilities Hire Grant, please contact the Melksham Assembly Hall team to obtain a quote for your booking, or check our Fees and Charges document, prior to making an application. The Facilities Hire Grant should cover the exact full amount of your booking.

37. Would you like to apply for a Community Grant? *

Yes

No

38. Community Grant amount? (£) *

In all but the most exceptional cases, community grants are for up to £1000.

1000

The value must be a number

39. Do you believe you have an exceptional reason to apply for over £1000? *

Please note that because of limited funds for each round such requests are unlikely to succeed

Yes, and there are exceptional circumstances.

No

40. Would you like to apply for a Facilities Hire Grant? *

[Note that in 2026 the council made the hire of KGV free for charitable use]

Yes

No

About You and Your Organisation

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9. Name of organisation? *

Melksham Transport User Group

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10. Primary contact? *

11. Postcode? *

Please provide your full postcode.

12. Please enter the rest of your address. *

13. Contact phone number? *

Enter your answer

14. Email address? *

15. Please confirm that your organisation has (required): *

Please select 3 options.

- its own bank or building society account, in the name of the organisation, with two unrelated signatories;
- at least three members on its management committee/board;
- a written governing document (e.g. a constitution, memorandum, articles of association, set of rules or trust deed).

16. Are you a registered charity? *

Yes

No

17. Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation? *

Yes

No

18. Which categories best describe your organisation? *

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19. What does your organisation do and how does it benefit the community and/or individuals in the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

Our mission is to maintain and enhance facilities at Melksham bus stops and railway station and to act as an independent voice of the train and bus users. We prefer to partner with service planners, operators, infrastructure owners and maintainers and others for our mutual positive benefit, and to promote the use of public and sustainable travel to, from, within and through the Melksham area. We benefit the community and individuals by helping to provide support and information on public transport, and feeding it back to the operators, central and local government and other businesses to help them provide services even better for the community in the future

20. Name of the project or service this grant will support? *

"Information at the Station" of which a prospectus is available at https://www.mtug.org.uk/mtug_ccif_2026.pdf

21. How will the grant support your project or service? *

If the grant and match funding are awarded, the project will go ahead and the moneys will be used for capital outlay to bring the building back into use - mostly internal equipment - and initial stocking and one-off expenses. The budget is such that after a ramp up with year, income should exceed expenditure - see prospectus

22. Evidence that this project or service is needed in the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

See Neighbourhood plan which has the building for this purpose set aside under "transport support", the letters of support in the prospectus detailed above, and the feedback from the community as given in the distribution report from last year's activities.

23. How many people do you estimate will benefit from this grant? *

2,000 - that's a guess based on 60,000 passenger journeys by train per annum

24. How many of those people will be residents of the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

1,500

25. Please explain how you calculated/estimated the number who are in the area covered by Melksham Town Council. *

Most users of Melksham Station walk to or from the station and we estimate that around 75% of them are within the Melksham Town area.

26. Estimated cost of the whole project or service? *

This value might be larger than the amount you are requesting for the grant.

£3152 in the first year - see prospectus

27. Are you planning to charge for your project or service? *

Yes

No

28. What are you planning to charge? *

Information, loo, warmth, support all free of charge. We will make a small charge for teas, coffees, etc as per prospectus

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e.g. from grants already awarded, grants applied for, promised funding, fund raising activities, donated time or resources in kind.

Application is in with GWR under their Customer and Community Infrastructure fund. Wiltshire Council are offering us a very generous rate on the hire of the building, MTUG has some reserves which will assist and we have several donors and sponsors who we know or expect will help. We may make other approaches - see the prospectus for details

Accounts and Payment Details

This section asks about your organisation's annual accounts and the bank detail you would like us to use if your grant application is successful. You will be requested to provide a copy of your most recent accounts, and most recent bank statement and any other details of savings or investments.

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31. Total expenditure (£) *

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The value must be a number

32. Total income (£) *

[Redacted]

The value must be a number

33. Balance (£) *

34. Total savings and investments (£) *

(deposit accounts etc.)

35. Are your total savings more than your annual expenditure? *

Yes

No

36. What are your savings for? *

(i.e. why aren't you funding your project from your savings)

To help support / match fund this current project (saved match funding if you like)

37. What is the name on your bank account? *

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40. Would you like to apply for a Community Grant? *

Yes

No

41. Community Grant amount? (£) *

In all but the most exceptional cases, community grants are for up to £1000.

750

The value must be a number

2. Has the grant been requested for general or ongoing running costs such as salaries or rent? *

Unless specifically negotiated, grants will not be awarded to cover general or ongoing running costs. To see a more expansive list of these costs, please refer to Schedule 1 of the Grant Policy.

Yes

No

3. Has your organisation previously received funding from Melksham Town Council? *

Yes

No

4. What year was it awarded? *

2025

The value must be a number

5. How much was awarded? *

350

6. What was the funding for? *

Information / timetables / provision for the whole Melksham area.
Outcome report at https://www.mtug.org.uk/mtug_dbn_report_v1.pdf

Eligibility - Part 3

7. Do you work with children or vulnerable people? *

Yes

No

8. Can you provide a copy of your Safeguarding Policy? *

Yes

No

11. Name of organisation? *

British Cactus and Succulent Society Wiltshire Branch

12. Primary contact? *

[Redacted]

13. Postcode? *

Please provide your full postcode.

[Redacted]

14. Please enter the rest of your address. *

[Redacted]

15. Contact phone number? *

[Redacted]

Enter your answer

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Yes

No

4. What year was it awarded? *

2025

The value must be a number

5. How much was awarded? *

£374

6. What was the funding for? *

Hire of Melksham Assembly Hall

Eligibility - Part 3

7. Do you work with children or vulnerable people? *

Yes

No

8. Can you provide a copy of your Equal Opportunities Policy or Statement? *

Yes

No

9. Can you provide a copy of your Environmental Policy? *

Or evidence of the environmentally responsible and sustainable practices of your organisation.

Yes

No

19. Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation? *

- Yes
- No

20. Which organisation? *

British Cactus and Succulent Society

21. Which categories best describe your organisation? *

- Charitable organisation
- Youth group
- Senior citizen group
- Sports club
- Art group
- Advice organisation
- Organisation assisting the disabled
- Minority group
- Community building
- Community event
- Health/transport/safety group

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Aims of Your Organisation and your Project or Service

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22. What does your organisation do and how does it benefit the community and/or individuals in the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

The aims of the society are to advance the education of the public by the study, culture and propagation of cacti and succulent plants and to promote the conservation of such plants. The residents of Melksham will meet likeminded people and converse with the BCSS members to advance their knowledge leading to further enjoyment of the hobby.

23. Name of the project or service this grant will support? *

The funding requested is for the hire of the Melksham Assembly Hall so that we can use this spacious facility for our 'Annual Cactus & Succulent Show'

24. How will the grant support your project or service? *

The grant will allow us to offset some of the costs in putting on the show so that any profits will help fund the monthly meetings, held at the Riverside Club, where we have a mix of speakers, workshops and discussions on the hobby of Cacti & Succulents. You do not need to be a member of the Society

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25. Evidence that this project or service is needed in the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

From past shows we have found that collecting cacti & succulents is very popular pastime and this is the residents of Melksham Town Council chance to improve their knowledge

26. How many people do you estimate will benefit from this grant? *

So far between 100 & 160 people

27. How many of those people will be residents of the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

60% are from the Melksham Town Council area

28. Please explain how you calculated/estimated the number who are in the area covered by Melksham Town Council. *

We have collected post codes from a small survey form as people enter the hall

29. Estimated cost of the whole project or service? *

This value might be larger than the amount you are requesting for the grant.

£600

30. Are you planning to charge for your project or service? *

Yes

No

31. What are you planning to charge? *

Entrance to the show will be £1 and accompanied children free. Attending traders will be charged £10 per table. 3 will be attending

32. Grants of over £250 must be match funded (i.e. obtain equivalent money elsewhere) Please describe any additional funding for your project and, if your request is for over £250, how you are intending to match-fund your grant if awarded. *

e.g. from grants already awarded, grants applied for, promised funding, fund raising activities, donated time or resources in kind.

Traders Sales tables, Sponsorship of plant classes, Refreshment sales, Tombola, percentage of members plant sales

Accounts and Payment Details

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33. Year ending (for the accounts below) *

[REDACTED]

34. Total expenditure (£) *

[REDACTED]

The value must be a number

35. Total income (£) *

[Redacted input field]

The value must be a number

36. Balance (£) *

[Redacted input field]

37. Total savings and investments (£) *

(deposit accounts etc.)

[Redacted input field]

38. Are your total savings more than your annual expenditure? *

Yes

No

39. What is the name on your bank account? *

[Redacted input field]

40. What is the bank account number? *

[Redacted input field]

41. What is your sort code? *

[Redacted input field]

Type of Grant

We offer 3 types of grant:

Community: Up to £1000 (awarded twice per year)

Core Grants: Annual payments over 4 years (already awarded)

Facilities Hire (use of our rentable facilities e.g. the Assembly Hall)

If you are applying for a Facilities Hire Grant, please contact the Melksham Assembly Hall team to obtain a quote for your booking, or check our Fees and Charges document, prior to making an application. The Facilities Hire Grant should cover the exact full amount of your booking.

42. Would you like to apply for a Community Grant? *

Yes

No

43. Community Grant amount? (£) *

In all but the most exceptional cases, community grants are for up to £1000.

364.5

The value must be a number

44. Do you believe you have an exceptional reason to apply for over £1000? *

Please note that because of limited funds for each round such requests are unlikely to succeed

Yes, and there are exceptional circumstances.

No

45. Would you like to apply fo a Facilities Hire Grant? *

[Note that in 2026 the council made the hire of KGV free for charitable use]

Yes

No

About You and Your Organisation

10. Name of organisation? *

MELKSHAM GARDENERS SOCIETY

11. Primary contact? *

[REDACTED]

12. Postcode? *

Please provide your full postcode.

[REDACTED]

13. Please enter the rest of your address. *

[REDACTED]

14. Contact phone number? *

[REDACTED]

Enter your answer

15. Email address? *

[REDACTED]

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16. Please confirm that your organisation has (required): *

Please select 3 options.

- its own bank or building society account, in the name of the organisation, with two unrelated signatories;
- at least three members on its management committee/board;
- a written governing document (e.g. a constitution, memorandum, articles of association, set of rules or trust deed).

17. Are you a registered charity? *

Yes

No

18. Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation? *

Yes

No

19. Which organisation? *

Royal Horticultural Society

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20. Which categories best describe your organisation? *

- Charitable organisation
- Youth group
- Senior citizen group
- Sports club
- Art group
- Advice organisation
- Organisation assisting the disabled
- Minority group
- Community building
- Community event
- Health/transport/safety group

Aims of Your Organisation and your Project or Service

This section will ask you about what your organisation does and what you would like to use your grant for.

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21. What does your organisation do and how does it benefit the community and/or individuals in the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

Melksham Gardeners Society arrange a series of presentations on gardening and related environmental subjects throughout the year. Visits to gardens and horticulture events are also organised as well as a plant swap and the Flower and Produce Show. The Society has around 90 members from the area who regularly attend events. The Flower and Produce Show attracts over 300 entries with around 200 People attending on the day. All of these events are open to members and non members of the Society.

22. Name of the project or service this grant will support? *

Melksham Gardeners Society Flower and Produce Show

23. How will the grant support your project or service? *

It will pay for renting the Assembly Hall to stage the Flower and Produce Show

24. Evidence that this project or service is needed in the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

The popularity of the Flower and Produce Show has remained strong over the past few years. With new, younger exhibitors joining in each year.

25. How many people do you estimate will benefit from this grant? *

2025 visitor numbers to the event were around 200 we estimate a similar number for 2026

26. How many of those people will be residents of the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

At least half would be

27. Please explain how you calculated/estimated the number who are in the area covered by Melksham Town Council. *

The estimate is based on the number of members that live within the Town Council area. And knowledge of previous events.

28. Estimated cost of the whole project or service? *

This value might be larger than the amount you are requesting for the grant.

£500

29. Are you planning to charge for your project or service? *

Yes

No

30. What are you planning to charge? *

Admission at the door and entry fees for exhibits, these fees will be decided when event planning starts in April

31. Grants of over £250 must be match funded (i.e. obtain equivalent money elsewhere) Please describe any additional funding for your project and, if your request is for over £250, how you are intending to match-fund your grant if awarded. *

e.g. from grants already awarded, grants applied for, promised funding, fund raising activities, donated time or resources in kind.

Other funding for the event will be covered by Society funds and admission and entry fees.

Accounts and Payment Details

This section asks about your organisation's annual accounts and the bank detail you would like us to use if your grant application is successful. You will be requested to provide a copy of your most recent accounts, and most recent bank statement and any other details of savings or investments.

32. Year ending (for the accounts below) *

[Redacted]

33. Total expenditure (£) *

[Redacted]

The value must be a number

34. Total income (£) *

[Redacted]

The value must be a number

35. Balance (£) *

[Redacted]

36. Total savings and investments (£) *

(deposit accounts etc.)

37. Are your total savings more than your annual expenditure? *

Yes

No

38. What is the name on your bank account? *

39. What is the bank account number? *

40. What is your sort code? *

Type of Grant

We offer 3 types of grant:

Community: Up to £1000 (awarded twice per year)

Core Grants: Annual payments over 4 years (already awarded)

Facilities Hire (use of our rentable facilities e.g. the Assembly Hall)

If you are applying for a Facilities Hire Grant, please contact the Melksham Assembly Hall team to obtain a quote for your booking, or check our Fees and Charges document, prior to making an application. The Facilities Hire Grant should cover the exact full amount of your booking.

41. Would you like to apply for a Community Grant? *

Yes

No

42. Would you like to apply for a Facilities Hire Grant? *

[Note that in 2026 the council made the hire of KGV free for charitable use]

Yes

No

43. How much would you need for your Facilities Hire Grant? (£) *

Hall hire from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Total 9 hours

Declarations

2. Has the grant been requested for general or ongoing running costs such as salaries or rent? *

Unless specifically negotiated, grants will not be awarded to cover general or ongoing running costs. To see a more expansive list of these costs, please refer to Schedule 1 of the Grant Policy.

Yes

No

3. Has your organisation previously received funding from Melksham Town Council? *

Yes

No

4. What year was it awarded? *

2025

The value must be a number

5. How much was awarded? *

£246

6. What was the funding for? *

Rent on the Assembly Hall to hold Melksham Gardeners Society Flower and Produce Show

Eligibility - Part 3

7. Do you work with children or vulnerable people? *

Yes

No

8. Can you provide a copy of your Equal Opportunities Policy or Statement? *

Yes

No

9. Can you provide a copy of your Environmental Policy? *

Or evidence of the environmentally responsible and sustainable practices of your organisation.

Yes

No

About You and Your Organisation

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7. Name of organisation? *

Friends of Shurnhold Fields

8. Primary contact? *

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9. Postcode? *

Please provide your full postcode.

10. Please enter the rest of your address. *

11. Contact phone number? *

Enter your answer

12. Email address? *

13. Please confirm that your organisation has (required): *

Please select 3 options.

- its own bank or building society account, in the name of the organisation, with two unrelated signatories;
- at least three members on its management committee/board;
- a written governing document (e.g. a constitution, memorandum, articles of association, set of rules or trust deed).

14. Are you a registered charity? *

Yes

No

15. Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation? *

Yes

No

16. Which categories best describe your organisation? *

- Charitable organisation
- Youth group
- Senior citizen group
- Sports club
- Art group
- Advice organisation
- Organisation assisting the disabled
- Minority group
- Community building
- Community event
- Health/transport/safety group

Aims of Your Organisation and your Project or Service

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17. What does your organisation do and how does it benefit the community and/or individuals in the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

The Friends of Shurnhold Fields maintain and have an ongoing planting projects to ensure Shurnhold fields is well kept, path mowed, hedges trimmed, existing trees pruned and staked correctly. We water trees during tge summer if required and plant trees. We recently purchased and planted 10 trees by to add to our existing heritage orchard with money raised through our Easter Egg hunt that we run over the easter holidays for all to enter free if charge with prizes given which we raise money for via sponsorship.

18. Name of the project or service this grant will support? *

Car park planting bed/willow arch

19. How will the grant support your project or service? *

The new car park has a large planting bed in the centre - we would like to plant this up with bulbs and some specimen trees. Currently we have a willow arch in the fields that needs attention, some new whips need to be purchased

20. Evidence that this project or service is needed in the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

Shurnhold fields is used by many and is a public open space , the car park will benefit some planting will help with softening of the hard surface. There is a willow arch in the fields, with a lovely information board at the end of the tunnel - currently the willow isnt working well in this arch, we need to add in more whips to encourage the tunnel/structure

21. How many people do you estimate will benefit from this grant? *

All of melksham who uses the fields

22. How many of those people will be residents of the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

All of Melksham and who uses the fields

23. Please explain how you calculated/estimated the number who are in the area covered by Melksham Town Council. *

N/A

24. Estimated cost of the whole project or service? *

This value might be larger than the amount you are requesting for the grant.

£2000

25. Are you planning to charge for your project or service? *

Yes

No

26. Grants of over £250 must be match funded (i.e. obtain equivalent money elsewhere) Please describe any additional funding for your project and, if your request is for over £250, how you are intending to match-fund your grant if awarded. *

e.g. from grants already awarded, grants applied for, promised funding, fund raising activities, donated time or resources in kind.

We have applied for stanley horticultural grant. We also managed to get a £15,000 for a mower and last year we were awarded a £1000 grant from wessex water for tools - as yet we have not had any match funding from either town council or the parish.

Accounts and Payment Details

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27. Year ending (for the accounts below) *

[Redacted]

28. Total expenditure (£) *

[Redacted]

The value must be a number

29. Total income (£) *

[Redacted]

The value must be a number

30. Balance (£) *

[Redacted]

31. Total savings and investments (£) *

(deposit accounts etc.)

32. Are your total savings more than your annual expenditure? *

Yes

No

33. What is the name on your bank account? *

34. What is the bank account number? *

35. What is your sort code? *

Type of Grant

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Facilities Hire (use of our rentable facilities e.g. the Assembly Hall)

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36. Would you like to apply for a Community Grant? *

Yes

No

37. Community Grant amount? (£) *

In all but the most exceptional cases, community grants are for up to £1000.

The value must be a number

38. Do you believe you have an exceptional reason to apply for over £1000? *

Please note that because of limited funds for each round such requests are unlikely to succeed

Yes, and there are exceptional circumstances.

No

2. Has the grant been requested for general or ongoing running costs such as salaries or rent? *

Unless specifically negotiated, grants will not be awarded to cover general or ongoing running costs. To see a more expansive list of these costs, please refer to Schedule 1 of the Grant Policy.

Yes

No

3. Has your organisation previously received funding from Melksham Town Council? *

Yes

No

Eligibility - Part 3

4. Do you work with children or vulnerable people? *

Yes

No

5. Can you provide a copy of your Equal Opportunities Policy or Statement? *

Yes

No

6. Can you provide a copy of your Environmental Policy? *

Or evidence of the environmentally responsible and sustainable practices of your organisation.

Yes

No

About You and Your Organisation

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9. Name of organisation? *

GROUP FIVE

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10. Primary contact? *

11. Postcode? *

Please provide your full postcode.

12. Please enter the rest of your address. *

13. Contact phone number? *

Enter your answer

14. Email address? *

15. Please confirm that your organisation has (required): *

Please select 3 options.

- its own bank or building society account, in the name of the organisation, with two unrelated signatories;
- at least three members on its management committee/board;
- a written governing document (e.g. a constitution, memorandum, articles of association, set of rules or trust deed).

16. Are you a registered charity? *

- Yes
- No

17. Please provide your registered charity number. *

18. Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation? *

- Yes
- No

19. Which categories best describe your organisation? *

- Charitable organisation
- Youth group
- Senior citizen group
- Sports club
- Art group
- Advice organisation
- Organisation assisting the disabled
- Minority group
- Community building
- Community event
- Health/transport/safety group

Aims of Your Organisation and your Project or Service

This section will ask you about what your organisation does and what you would like to use your grant for.

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20. What does your organisation do and how does it benefit the community and/or individuals in the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

WE ARE A FURNITURE BASED CHARITY THAT COLLECTS UNWANTED FURNITURE IN OUR VAN TAKES IT TO OUR WAREHOUSE AND REFURBISH WHERE NECESSARY.
WE THEN DELIVER THAT FURNITURE IN OUR VAN TO THE NEEDY WHO ARE REFERRED TO US THROUGH VARIOUS AGENCIES FREE OF CHARGE
THE SERVICE IS FREE OF CHARGE AS OUR VAN AND WAREHOUSE IS MANNED ENTIRELY BY VOLANTEERS

21. Name of the project or service this grant will support? *

COVER THE COST OF INSURING THE VAN AND PAYING THE ROAD TAX WHICH LAST YEAR AMOUNTED TO £1571

22. How will the grant support your project or service? *

IT WILL ENABLE US TO KEEP THE VAN ON THE ROAD FOR ANOTHER YEAR WHICH IS VITAL AS IT ENABLES US TO COLLECT AND REDISTRIBUTE THE FURNITURE FREE OF CHARGE

23. Evidence that this project or service is needed in the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

MOST IMPORTANTLY WE HAVE HELPED 103 FAMILIES IN 2025 AND 94 FAMILIES IN 2024 SPECIFICALLY IN MELKSHAM ADDITIONALLY IN THE LAST YEAR WE PREVENTED 49.76 METRIC TONNES GOING TO LANDFILL

24. How many people do you estimate will benefit from this grant? *

WE EXPECT TO HELP SIMILAR NUMBERS THIS YEAR

25. How many of those people will be residents of the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

LAST YEAR WE HELPED 393 PEOPLE ACROSS 5 TOWNS OF WHICH 103 WERE FROM MELKSHAM

26. Please explain how you calculated/estimated the number who are in the area covered by Melksham Town Council. *

THROUGH OUR NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT YOU HELPED FUND LAST YEAR WE HAVE A DETAILED DATABASE

27. Estimated cost of the whole project or service? *

This value might be larger than the amount you are requesting for the grant.

OUR TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF THE VAN £3359 WE ARE SEEKING HELP WITH THE TAX AND INSURANCE 31571

28. Are you planning to charge for your project or service? *

Yes

No

29. Grants of over £250 must be match funded (i.e. obtain equivalent money elsewhere) Please describe any additional funding for your project and, if your request is for over £250, how you are intending to match-fund your grant if awarded. *

e.g. from grants already awarded, grants applied for, promised funding, fund raising activities, donated time or resources in kind.

OUR FUNDING MAINLY COMES FROM THE OTHER TOWN COUNCILS OF TROWBRIDGE, WARMINSTER WESTBURY BRADFORD ON AVON MELKSHAM WITHOUT TOWN COUNCIL SELWOOD HOUSING.
THIS YEAR WE HAVE HAD GRANTS FROM SELWOOD £2000 MELKSHAM WITHOUT £600 AND CHARITIES TRUST £400 WE ARE AWAITING NEWS FROM THE OTHERS

Accounts and Payment Details

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30. Year ending (for the accounts below) *

[REDACTED]

31. Total expenditure (£) *

[REDACTED]

The value must be a number

32. Total income (£) *

[REDACTED]

The value must be a number

33. Balance (£) *

[REDACTED]

34. Total savings and investments (£) *

(deposit accounts etc.)

35. Are your total savings more than your annual expenditure? *

Yes

No

36. What is the name on your bank account? *

37. What is the bank account number? *

38. What is your sort code? *

Type of Grant

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39. Would you like to apply for a Community Grant? *

Yes

No

40. Community Grant amount? (£) *

In all but the most exceptional cases, community grants are for up to £1000.

The value must be a number

41. Do you believe you have an exceptional reason to apply for over £1000? *

Please note that because of limited funds for each round such requests are unlikely to succeed

Yes, and there are exceptional circumstances.

No

2. Has the grant been requested for general or ongoing running costs such as salaries or rent? *

Unless specifically negotiated, grants will not be awarded to cover general or ongoing running costs. To see a more expansive list of these costs, please refer to Schedule 1 of the Grant Policy.

Yes

No

3. Has your organisation previously received funding from Melksham Town Council? *

Yes

No

4. What year was it awarded? *

2025

The value must be a number

5. How much was awarded? *

750

6. What was the funding for? *

new computer

Eligibility - Part 3

7. Do you work with children or vulnerable people? *

Yes

No

8. Can you provide a copy of your Safeguarding Policy? *

Yes

No

About You and Your Organisation

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9. Name of organisation? *

Wessex MS Therapy Centre

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10. Primary contact? *

11. Postcode? *

Please provide your full postcode.

12. Please enter the rest of your address. *

13. Contact phone number? *

Enter your answer

14. Email address? *

15. Please confirm that your organisation has (required): *

Please select 3 options.

- its own bank or building society account, in the name of the organisation, with two unrelated signatories;
- at least three members on its management committee/board;
- a written governing document (e.g. a constitution, memorandum, articles of association, set of rules or trust deed).

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16. Are you a registered charity? *

- Yes
- No

17. Please provide your registered charity number. *

18. Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation? *

- Yes
- No

19. Which categories best describe your organisation? *

- Charitable organisation
- Youth group
- Senior citizen group
- Sports club
- Art group
- Advice organisation
- Organisation assisting the disabled
- Minority group
- Community building
- Community event
- Health/transport/safety group

Aims of Your Organisation and your Project or Service

This section will ask you about what your organisation does and what you would like to use your grant for.

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20. What does your organisation do and how does it benefit the community and/or individuals in the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

We provide specialist physiotherapy and support for people living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS), helping individuals manage their physical, mental and sensory needs. Our tailored physiotherapy sessions focus on maintaining and improving strength, mobility and independence, while also helping to reduce common symptoms such as pain and fatigue. As MS is a progressive condition, our approach adapts to each individual's changing needs, supporting them at every stage of their journey.

For people living in Melksham and the surrounding areas, this is an invaluable local service. We are the nearest specialist MS therapy centre available to them; without us, many would need to travel to Bristol or Swindon to access similar support. For individuals with mobility challenges, fatigue and limited transport options, this distance can be a significant barrier, meaning they may go without essential therapy.

Our members have access to a well-equipped physiotherapy gym, including specialist equipment such as a standing frame, motor-assisted pedals, tilt table, treadmill, parallel bars, arm pulleys, multi-gym equipment, wobble boards, physio balls, Vibrogym and Tyrostation. This enables us to deliver a wide range of targeted therapies in one accessible location.

Beyond the physical benefits, we provide a welcoming and supportive community where individuals can connect with others facing similar challenges. This helps to reduce isolation, improve mental wellbeing and build confidence, while also offering informal peer support and shared understanding. By supporting our members to stay active and independent for longer, we also help to reduce pressure on local health and social care services.

21. Name of the project or service this grant will support? *

Neuro-Physiotherapy sessions for habitants of Melksham with Multiple Sclerosis

22. How will the grant support your project or service? *

The grant will be used to directly support physiotherapy sessions for individuals from Melksham and the surrounding areas, ensuring they can access consistent, specialist support to manage their condition.

Funding will contribute towards the delivery of these sessions by enabling access to our specialist physiotherapy equipment and facilities, as well as supporting the provision of tailored exercise programmes designed to improve mobility, strength and overall wellbeing. It will also help us to maintain a safe, accessible and fully equipped environment in which these sessions can take place.

By supporting session delivery in this way, the grant will ensure that people living with MS in the Melksham area can continue to benefit from regular, local therapy without the need to travel long distances. This early and ongoing intervention helps individuals maintain independence, reduces isolation, and can prevent deterioration that may otherwise lead to increased reliance on health and social care services.

23. Evidence that this project or service is needed in the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

There is a clear need for accessible, specialist support for people living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in the Melksham area. Currently, 5% of our membership is made up of individuals from Melksham, and this number continues to grow as awareness of our services increases.

We are the nearest specialist MS therapy centre available to Melksham residents. Without access to our service, individuals would need to travel to larger centres such as Bristol or Swindon to receive comparable neuro-physiotherapy support. For many people living with MS, who may experience fatigue, mobility difficulties and limited access to transport, this distance presents a significant barrier, often resulting in reduced or inconsistent access to essential therapy.

There are no other local services offering the same combination of specialist neuro-physiotherapy alongside a range of holistic therapies in one accessible setting. In addition to physiotherapy, we provide counselling, voice therapy, massage, oxygen therapy and a lunch club, enabling individuals to address both their physical and emotional wellbeing in a supportive environment.

Feedback from our members consistently highlights the importance of having a local, accessible service that understands the complexities of MS. Without this provision, many individuals would face increased isolation, reduced independence and a decline in both physical and mental health.

24. How many people do you estimate will benefit from this grant? *

Approximately 5% of our members are from Melksham, not including their carers or families that can access help and advice at The MS Centre for support

25. How many of those people will be residents of the area covered by Melksham Town Council? *

all of the individuals who will benefit from the grant will be Melksham inhabitants.

26. Please explain how you calculated/estimated the number who are in the area covered by Melksham Town Council. *

We keep all records of our members on our database, which keeps all details of our members, where they live and what therapies they need to access to help with their health problems. We cover a large area, as we are the nearest provision, therefore we try and approach local councils on behalf of our members who live in that area.

27. Estimated cost of the whole project or service? *

This value might be larger than the amount you are requesting for the grant.

£65,255.39

28. Are you planning to charge for your project or service? *

Yes

No

29. What are you planning to charge? *

All therapies are free of charge, however we ask members to make a donation of £18 per therapy. This is heavily subsidised. Private neuro-physiotherapy would cost around £50-£80 on the high street per session. And wouldn't be specialised for individuals with Multiple Sclerosis

30. Grants of over £250 must be match funded (i.e. obtain equivalent money elsewhere) Please describe any additional funding for your project and, if your request is for over £250, how you are intending to match-fund your grant if awarded. *
- e.g. from grants already awarded, grants applied for, promised funding, fund raising activities, donated time or resources in kind.

We have 3 voluntary physiotherapy assistances.
 We have already organised and carried out events up to April this year, raising nearly £6000. We have other events organised, such as Cake Bake, Golf day, Skydives, Tombola's, Pub Quiz and more.
 We have received £4200 in grants and donations.

Accounts and Payment Details

This section asks about your organisation's annual accounts and the bank detail you would like us to use if your grant application is successful. You will be requested to provide a copy of your most recent accounts, and most recent bank statement and any other details of savings or investments.

31. Year ending (for the accounts below) *

32. Total expenditure (£) *

The value must be a number

33. Total income (£) *

The value must be a number

34. Balance (£) *

35. Total savings and investments (£) *

(deposit accounts etc.)

36. Are your total savings more than your annual expenditure? *

Yes

No

37. What are your savings for? *

(i.e. why aren't your funding your project from your savings)

The purposes of the designated funds are as follows:

A significant proportion of the Charity's resources are tied up in fixed asset capital investment. Such resources are maintained in a designated fund in order to identify they are not available to expend on running costs. The principle assets are:

* Oxygen Chamber Replacement Fund (£230,000) - the Trustees are keenly aware that the provision of oxygen therapy is of key importance to members. This fund has been set up to ensure resources will be available to fund the replacement of the current facility when required.

* Wheelchair adaptable vehicle project (£75,000) - this fund has been set up for the purchase and running costs of a wheelchair adaptable vehicle and for potential vehicle upgrade over the next 3 years.

In addition, a Revenue Expenditure Contingency Fund (£190,000) has been created to protect the charity against the impact of any catastrophic event which removes its ability to operate in the short term. The fund is based on approximately six months committed costs.

38. What is the name on your bank account? *

[REDACTED]

39. What is the bank account number? *

[REDACTED]

40. What is your sort code? *

[REDACTED]

Type of Grant

We offer 3 types of grant:

Community: Up to £1000 (awarded twice per year)

Core Grants: Annual payments over 4 years (already awarded)

Facilities Hire (use of our rentable facilities e.g. the Assembly Hall)

If you are applying for a Facilities Hire Grant, please contact the Melksham Assembly Hall team to obtain a quote for your booking, or check our Fees and Charges document, prior to making an application. The Facilities Hire Grant should cover the exact full amount of your booking.

41. Would you like to apply for a Community Grant? *

Yes

No

42. Community Grant amount? (£) *

In all but the most exceptional cases, community grants are for up to £1000.

1000

The value must be a number

43. Do you believe you have an exceptional reason to apply for over £1000? *

Please note that because of limited funds for each round such requests are unlikely to succeed

Yes, and there are exceptional circumstances.

No

2. Has the grant been requested for general or ongoing running costs such as salaries or rent? *

Unless specifically negotiated, grants will not be awarded to cover general or ongoing running costs. To see a more expansive list of these costs, please refer to Schedule 1 of the Grant Policy.

Yes

No

3. Has your organisation previously received funding from Melksham Town Council? *

Yes

No

4. What year was it awarded? *

2024

The value must be a number

5. How much was awarded? *

750.00

6. What was the funding for? *

towards subsidising specialist neuro-physiotherapy for Melksham residents with Multiple Sclerosis, who use our MS Centre in Warminster - as we are the nearest specialist Centre that can offer specialist therapies to enhance their lives.

Eligibility - Part 3

7. Do you work with children or vulnerable people? *

Yes

No

8. Can you provide a copy of your Safeguarding Policy? *

Yes

No