



WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Grant-aid to Local Organisations APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

(1) Your Organisation

Name of Organisation	Oxfordshire Mind		
Registered Address*	[REDACTED]		
Post Code	OX2 0DP	Tel No.	[REDACTED]
Contact Name	Ian Nutt		
Position in Organisation	Head of Development (i.e. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary)		
Registered Charity	YES	Registration No.	261476

What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation:

Oxfordshire Mind is the County's largest mental health charity, working hand in hand with local residents to provide support and care for everyone who experiences mental health difficulties. We provide a wide range of services and support programmes at local level, including a free to access information line, peer support sessions at our wellbeing hubs, crisis support at our safe havens, one to one support via our staff in every GP surgery in the County, projects for children and young people, physical activity and benefits for better mental health, and supported housing for almost 100 of the most vulnerable residents in Oxfordshire. Locally, in Witney town, we manage a wellbeing hub (Moorland Road) that delivers direct support to hundreds of people every year, 3 housing projects that care for 13 residents, and a strong presence in all NHS GP surgeries.

Our mission is to promote good mental health, through the provision of high quality services and campaigning for positive change.

(2) Membership

How many members do you have?	We are not a membership-based organisation.
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?	According to our data, 436 Witney residents used Oxfordshire Mind's services in the last 12 month period; this does not include service users who do not share their postcode data, so the number is likely to be higher in reality. Over the same period, the Witney wellbeing hub hosted a total of 1,211 'visits' in the form of peer support groups and options sessions.
	There are no restrictions on anybody being able to

Is membership restricted in any way?	access support or services from Oxfordshire Mind. All of our support on offer is currently free, or funded through grants and service contracts.
What is your annual subscription, if any?	n/a
Are you affiliated to a national organisation? If so, which one?	Oxfordshire Mind is an independent charity, but is affiliated through a federated structure with the national Mind mental health charity. We receive no financial support for services or provision in Witney as a result of this affiliation.
Local venue/meeting place	Aside from the three housing projects run in Witney, the other main physical venue for our services is Witney Resource Centre, 8 Moorland Road, Witney, Oxfordshire, OX28 6LF. This is the location of all sessions and drop-in delivery, and the focus location for the purposes of this application.

(3) Grants

Purpose for which the grant is required:

Our wellbeing hub in Witney provides a range of services, drop-in sessions, courses and one-off events for residents in Witney, and Cherwell/West Oxfordshire. In the latest 12 month period, the Hub hosted 1,211 'sessions' (a mix of peer support groups and options sessions) for 122 residents. All of these are hosted indoors. The centre has an outdoor space, which is currently under-utilised and poorly equipped with resources to make it a comfortable or welcoming place for our service users to spend their time. As a result, service users almost always engage with our offer indoors, and are not incentivised to spend time outside with others.

We would like to request funding to purchase a set of outdoor seating and a table that means small groups can meet outdoors, socialise together and use the seating as an area to meet and engage with others. This would enable some of our one to one, and small group sessions to operate outdoors, and give the added benefit of fresh air, natural sunlight and connections with the outdoors to all who use the furniture. Some of these sessions are led by local volunteers, and they have researched the furniture they think is most suitable, and durable for outdoor use. The links are provided below; at the time of writing, the full-price (i.e. not including seasonal discounts) for all three is £820. We would like to request an additional £80 of funding to support volunteer expenses for travel and supporting the installation of the furniture.

[Emily 3 Seater Wooden Garden Bench \(benchmakers.co.uk\)](https://benchmakers.co.uk/emily-3-seater-wooden-garden-bench)

[Emily 2 Seater Wooden Garden Bench \(benchmakers.co.uk\)](https://benchmakers.co.uk/emily-2-seater-wooden-garden-bench)

[Emily Wooden Table \(benchmakers.co.uk\)](https://benchmakers.co.uk/emily-wooden-table)

Amount of grant applied for	£900	
Has your organisation previously applied to the Town Council for a grant?	NO	
If YES please give details	n/a	
Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?	NO	
If YES please give details	Not in relation to this specific funding request. Oxfordshire Mind seeks funding from multiple grant funders, but we have not sought funding for the furniture in Witney from any other funder.	

(4) Financial

Please enclose a copy of your latest audited accounts, a financial projection for the period following the balance sheet or a Business Plan if a new organisation.



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Regarding the period following the latest filed accounts (1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024), we are currently working through a final forecast for the year, but expect to close the financial year at approximately £7.3m of income and £7.4m of expenditure, resulting in a deficit of circa £100,000. Our budget setting process for the following financial year (2024/25) currently aims to return a small five-figure surplus to begin to rebuild the previous years' deficit budgets.

(5) Fundraising

What fundraising events or activities will your organisation be holding this year?

Across the portfolio of fundraising, Oxfordshire Mind carries out a broad and varied calendar of activities and events, covering the whole County. These include corporate sponsorship (Abbott, of Witney has chosen us as their charity of the year for 2023/24), the Oxford Half Marathon, Comedy Gala, Witney Pride, Blenheim 7k, our annual winter appeal, and numerous community-based events. We are also launching an individual giving and regular donor programme in 2024/25, looking to nurture support locally, including how to drive more funds directly back to local services. There are always lots of opportunities and activities for people to be involved with in and around Witney.

(6) General

Recipients of a grant from the Town Council should acknowledge the fact on all relevant literature.

Please provide or attach any additional information which may assist the Council in reaching its decision.

In addition to the application, further information on the breadth of services Oxfordshire Mind delivers for residents across the County can be found in our latest annual impact report here:



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I certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I am authorised to make this application for Grant-aid.

Signed:



Date: 02/01/2024

Please return your completed application form to the address overleaf, for the attention of the TOWN CLERK

For office use only:			
Acknowledged		Previously Applied	
Grant Aid Awarded/Amount	Y / N	Chq No.	

