



WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Grant-aid to Local Organisations APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

(1) Your Organisation			
Name of Organisation	ROTARY CLUB OF WITNEY		
Registered Address*	[REDACTED]		
Post Code		Tel No.	[redacted]
Contact Name	Ron Spurs		
Position in Organisation	Chair Christmas Lights Committee, 2024 (i.e. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary)		
Registered Charity	YES	Registration No.	1028759
<p><i>What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation:</i></p> <p>The Rotary Club of Witney supports organisations such as the Witney Shed, the Witney Community Support Service, Supports Asylum seekers, clothing for the homeless and needy, organises trips for less able members of the community and individuals who support the Club directly who are in need. The Club supports many more organisations in and around Witney.</p> <p>The Trust Fund which is the Charitable arm has the objective of being: "For the relief of the poor and needy or such other charitable purpose institution society or object."</p> <p>The Club also works helps organise and deliver the annual Witney Carnival and Procession and has enabled local charities to raise thousands of pounds by organising and managing Charity Firewalks.</p>			

(2) Membership

How many members do you have?	35 full members, 18 individuals who assist the Club at Events and 10 Honorary members
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?	90%
Is membership restricted in any way?	No, open to all, minimum age is 18 years although the Club operates a Youth organisation - Interact with 23 members based at Woodgreen School members and Rotakids for those under 11 years of age at Witney Community Primary School
What is your annual subscription, if any?	For members £125 pa
Are you affiliated to a national organisation? If so, which one?	Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland
Local venue/meeting place	Blue Boar Hotel, Witney

(3) Grants

Purpose for which the grant is required:

To finance the Christmas Lights Switch on Event 2024.

Rotary Club of Witney

Xmas Lights Budget 2023

Windrush Radio	650	(This includes all sound equipment)
Ubico	467	
First aid	305	
Generator 5As	220	
Floodlights	275	
Gaffer tape	8	
Banner alteration	30	
Hire of barriers	400	
Tip for driver	30	
Donations to performers	75	
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2,535

Funded by

Grant from WTC	2100
Stalls	435

2535

Amount of grant applied for

£
2,500

Has your organisation previously applied to the Town Council for a grant?		YES
If YES please give details	The Council has provided an annual grant to enable the Club to put on the Event	
Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?		NO
If YES please give details		
(4) Financial		
<i>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.</i>		
(5) Fundraising		
<p>What fundraising events or activities will your organisation be holding this year?</p> <p>Firewalk- to enable local organisations to raise funds for their activities Witney Carnival and Procession Street Collection for International Disasters Santa Sleigh Bridewell Gardens - mental health Charity Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir Charity Concert Street Collection for Marie Curie Pudsey - Children in Need Afternoon Teas over Christmas and the Sumer period for the elderly WCSS - support for Sensory Garden and Hairdressing Salon Wrap Up 720 coats collected and distributed for the needy Witney Shed Kids Out - Day at Wildlife Park for young people in need Witney Boxing Club - Supports well being and mental health of all ages And numerous other small projects for the benefit of the local community.</p>		
(6) General		
<p>Recipients of a grant from the Town Council should acknowledge the fact on all relevant literature.</p> <p>Please provide or attach any additional information which may assist the Council in reaching its decision.</p> <p>There is a considerable cost in delivering the Christmas Lights Switch On Event. The expenditure is shown above for 2023.</p>		

Costs have increased for 2024. For example, the Club needs to hire road closure barriers which are compliant with current regulations.

The Club is employing two SIA Security officers to control access through the road closures. In previous years this element has caused heated exchanges with elderly volunteers resourcing the closures.

The event is attended by 7-8000 residents aged from 0-90, it is the second largest free event of the year. The other is the Witney Carnival which is organised by the Rotary Club, Lions and Air Cadets.

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: Ron Spurs

Date: 3rd August 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.	

*Please note that if your address and telephone number are personal information and not that of the company or organisation, please complete the form below which will not be published on our website and will be held in accordance with GPDR regulations. By submitting this form, you are agreeing to the Town Council storing your personal information.

Address for correspondence:	[Redacted]
Telephone number:	[Redacted]

E mail address:

[Redacted]