



Organisation			
Name of Organisation	Witney Buttercross Scout Group		
Registered Address (including Post Code)	Scout Hut, Marborough Lane, Witney		
Website	www.witneyscouts.org	Telephone	[REDACTED]
Facebook/Twitter		Email	Chair@witneyscouts.org
Contact Name	David Kinchin J.P.		
Position in Organisation	Chair of trustees (i.e. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary)		
Registered Charity	YES	Registration Number	034425
<p>What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation?</p> <p>To provide interesting, educational and exciting activities for young people aged 5 to 16years, in a safe and risk-managed environment.</p> <p>This includes all manor of camping and out-door activities as well as instruction and fun events.</p>			

Membership	
How many members do you have?	Approximately 310 boys and girls
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?	Approximately 300
Is membership restricted in any way?	Membership is totally inclusive.
What is your annual subscription, if any?	This varies for the age groups but around !50 per year -
Are you affiliated to Oxfordshire Youth or other similar umbrella organisation? If so, which one?	Affiliated to the Oxfordshire County Scouts and the National Organisation
Do you have safeguarding procedures in place?	Yes, all regulated by the national Scout association
Local venue/meeting place (if applicable)	Scout hut, Cogges school Madley Park hall
Grant-Funding	
<p>Purpose for which the grant is required:: We have recently acquired a 6.3 acre site for activities and therefore need to increase our stock of activity equipment – partiluarly tents and marques for use on this new site. These items have a “shelf-life” when being used by young people and so several items need replacing.</p> <p>We would also like to buy ropes for climbing and rope-bridge building activities.</p>	

Amount of grant applied for	£3,500
Has your organisation previously applied to the Town Council for a grant?	YES
If YES, please give details	In 2024 we applied and received a Town Council grant to purchase kayaks and safety equipment. This Grant was successful.
Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?	In the process
If YES, please give details	We are exploring sources for funding new toilet facilities on our newly acquired site.
Financial	
<p>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.</p> <p>I will get these for our last financial year. However, please remember that since this date we have paid out around £210,000 to purchase land, and around £28,000 for our Capitation fees to the National Organisation.</p> <p>We are still assessing the running costs of our new site. "The Old Oak"</p>	
Fundraising	
<p>What fundraising events or activities will your organisation be holding this year?</p> <p>To a large extent we rely on the 'subscription fees' (SUBS) paid by each member, but we also do regular old clothing collections and occasional other activities.</p> <p>We have to pay an annual capitation fee to the National Organisation which is around £35 per member per year – and this gobbles up much of what is collected in Sibs.</p>	

General

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

With over 300 young members (boys and girls) and over 40 leaders, this is without doubt the largest youth organisation in the town of Witney. Indeed, it is amongst the largest Scout Groups in the Country.

Having just paid out £200,000 for our new activities site we are still assessing the running costs of that site: council tax, insurance, water and security being the main concerns. We have also incurred around £8,000 in legal fees.

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: 4th June 2025

If posting, please return your completed application form to the address overleaf, for the attention of the TOWN CLERK

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Grant Aid Awarded/Amount	Y / N	Chq No.	