

Youth Services Grant 2025/26

Application Form

(PLEASE COMPLETE ELECTRONICALLY)

Organisation			
Name of Organisation Ducklington Sports Club			
Registered Address (including Post Code) (including Post Code) (including Post Code) (including Post Code) (including Post Code) (including Post Code)	,		
Website www.ducklingtonsportsclub.co	k Telephone		
Facebook/Twitter www.facebook.com/ducklingtonsportsc	Email	secretary@ducklingtonsportsclub.co.uk	
Contact Name Edward Todd	Edward Todd		
Position in Organisation Secretary	Secretary		
Registered Charity YES	Registration Number	1137103	

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

Activities and Aims of the Organisation

Ducklington Sports Club is a community-focused, volunteer-led club providing inclusive grassroots football to children and young people aged 5–18. Our aim is to foster a love of sport, teamwork, and personal development in a safe, structured, and supportive environment. We run teams from Under 6s through to Under 17s, serving families from both Ducklington and the wider Witney area.

Membership		
How many members do you have?	208 Youth Players	
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?	87 youth players (43%)	

Is membership restricted in any way?	No, our club is inclusive and open to all children of all abilities.		
What is your annual subscription, if any?	£150 per player, per year* *average price – slight fluctuation in amount depending upon age and league in which team is entered.		
Are you affiliated to Oxfordshire Youth or other similar umbrella organisation? If so, which one?	Yes, Oxfordshire FA		
Do you have safeguarding procedures in place?	Yes, all coaches, managers and volunteers are DBS-checked and we follow FA safeguarding policies.		
Local venue/meeting place (if applicable)	Ducklington Sports Club, Glebelands Playing Fields, Aston Road, Ducklington, OX29 7US		
Grant-Funding			
Purpose for which the grant is required: We are applying for funding to purchase new footballs and first aid kits for each of our youth teams (U6 to U17). In total, we would look to purchase at least one new football for each of our youth team players and a new first aid kit for each team. This will directly support safe and effective training and matchday experiences for more than 200 children, including 87 from Witney. New equipment is urgently required due to growth in participation and wear-and-tear from regular use. The first aid kits will ensure that our volunteer coaches can continue to run sessions confidently and safely, in line with FA best practices.			
Amount of grant applied for	£1,700		
Has your organisation previously applied to the Town Council for a grant? NC			
If YES, please give details			
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Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?		YES
If YES, please give details	Recent grant application to Oxford and Witney Round Tables.	
	Oxford declined to provide grant funding and Witney didn't reply with a decision, having confirmed receipt of our application.	

Financial

Please find latest audited account enclosed.

Fundraising

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

- Annual Beer Festival and Over 35s Football Tournament (May 2025)
- Under 8s Football Tournament (May 2025)
- Sponsored Team Challenges (Ongoing)
- Local Business Sponsorship (Ongoing)
- Club Quiz Nights (Monthly)
- Fundraising music and dance event (August 2025)

General

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

Although based just outside Witney, Ducklington Sports Club serves a significant number of Witney families, 43% of our youth players are Witney residents. We provide year-round, affordable, inclusive grassroots football that enhances wellbeing, promotes healthy lifestyles, and supports the personal development of children aged 5 to 18.

In recent years, we have faced significant increases in core running costs, including rising water and electricity bills, and a substantial increase in rent for the clubhouse that we lease along with ever increasing costs for the maintenance of community playing fields that we license. As a volunteer-run, non-profit organisation, these essential overheads place increasing pressure on our limited budget, directly impacting what we can invest in much-needed training equipment and safety provisions for our youth teams.

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This grant would relieve that pressure by ensuring each team is equipped with safe, high-quality footballs and updated first aid kits, helping us to continue delivering safe, inclusive, and enjoyable football to young people across the Witney area.

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: 13/06/25
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If posting, please return your completed application form to the address overleaf, for the attention of the TOWN CLERK

	Previously Applied	
Y/N	Chq No.	
	Y/N	