



Organisation			
Name of Organisation	The parish of Witney (St Mary's)		
Registered Address (including Postcode)	St Mary the Virgin, Church Green, Witney, Oxfordshire OX28 4AW		
Website	http://www.witneyparish.org.uk	Telephone	01993779492
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Contact Name	Dianne Augustine		
Position in Organisation	Chaplain (i.e. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary)		
Registered Charity	YES	Registration Number	1129784
<p>What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation?</p> <p>The main objective of the charity are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is responsible for operating within the ministry team to meet this objective;2 Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains and overview of activities throughout the parish and make suggestions on how we can involve the many groups that live within our Parish; and3 Putting faith into practice in our services and worship through prayer and scriptures, music and <p>When planning the year's activities, such as the Beer Festival, Food and Drink Festival, and the Art and Flowers event, we considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.</p>			
Membership			

How many members do you have?	20
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?	19 members
Is membership restricted in any way?	No
What is your annual subscription, if any?	No
Are you affiliated to Oxfordshire Youth or other similar umbrella organisation? If so, which one?	No
Do you have safeguarding procedures in place?	Yes
Local venue/meeting place (if applicable)	St Mary's Church, Church on the Green, Witney, Oxfordshire, OX28 4AW

Grant-Funding

Purpose for which the grant is required:

The Enrichment Summer Camp Initiative is a collaborative effort between Witney Parish and Witney College designed to support young people, including those from the LGBTQ+ community and Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups, during their post-16 transition year. The initiative aims to develop participants' skills and knowledge, facilitating their progression into higher education, training, or employment.

This enrichment programme includes a personal development component that encourages young individuals to set personal goals and engage with their communities in an informal setting. It provides a safe environment for young people to discuss, enjoy self-directed group activities, and participate in organized discretionary programs. This involvement helps them enhance their effectiveness and prepares them to succeed in education, training, and the workplace.

Workshop sessions are:

- Career and Your Future in Education, Training or Work.
- Making Financial Choices
- Employability Skills
- Work and setting up a business.
- Living independently.
- Personal Well Being.

- Sexual health.
- Healthy living.
- Alcohol, tobacco, vaping and drugs awareness.
- Recognising effects of Social Media.
- Personal Safety.
- Healthy relationships.

Workshops

Each workshop employs diverse, creative resources to effectively deliver topics and achieve optimal outcomes for young people. The tools utilized are designed to enhance personal development, social skills, and overall skill proficiency among the young people that engage with this programme.

These workshops will have a morning session starting at 11:30 am till 12:30 pm. Lunch 12:30 pm to 13:00 pm. Afternoon session starts at 13:00 pm to 14:30 pm.

Each participant will receive lunch and a food package at the conclusion of the programme.

The Enrichment Summer Camp includes local Speakers from:

- Local Housing: West Oxfordshire housing and Private housing.
- Local bank.
- Local Business owner.
- Oxford sexual health.
- Domestic Violence.
- Local Police.
- Motivational Speakers.

Funding Breakdown

Food £250

Venue hire £275

2 Facilitators @ £14.50 per hour each x 4 hours per day = £58 per day x 6 = £348 x 2 Facilitators =£696

Speakers @ £150 per session x 8 speakers = £1200

Art canvas paint £150

Games: £150

Paper, pen, cards, £75

Training

For LGBTQ+ workshop Facilitators £500 x 2 =£1000

Asdan training for 2 Facilitators @ £265 x 2 = 530		
Amount of grant applied for		£4326
Has your organisation previously applied to the Town Council for a grant?		NO
If YES, please give details		
Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?		NO
If YES, please give details		
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.		
Fundraising		
<p>What fundraising events or activities will your organisation be holding this year?</p> <p>Witney Parish hosts several annual fundraising events each May, including the Beer Festival, Food and Drink Festival, Art and Flowers Festival, and Oktoberfest in September. While these are the primary fundraising activities, there are additional smaller-scale events throughout the year.</p>		
General		
<p>Please provide or attach any additional information which may assist the Council in reaching its decision.</p> <p>In our community today, the lack of dedicated resources for youth has created a void that impacts not only the personal growth of young people but also the vitality of the community as a whole. Teenagers aged 15-18 often face challenges such as isolation,</p>		

academic pressure, and the absence of structured opportunities for engagement. A youth club tailored to this demographic can serve as a transformative space—providing them with support, fostering inclusivity, and equipping them with the tools they need to thrive.

This proposal outlines a vision for a provision that will not only address the needs of diverse teenagers but also serve as a catalyst for positive change in our community. With the financial help of the Town Council, we can create a hub and a yearly programme for empowerment, creativity, and collaboration that will inspire and uplift the next generation.

All activities will be conducted in accordance with the Witney Parish safeguarding policy. Facilitators are vetted in compliance with the safer recruitment procedures of Witney Parish.

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: Miss Dianne Augustine

Date:14th 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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Acknowledged		Previously Applied	
Grant Aid Awarded/Amount	Y / N	Chq No.	