



WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Grant-aid to Local Organisations APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

(1) Your Organisation

Name of Organisation	Windrush Community Choir (a community activity of Windrush Church)
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Registered Address*	
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Post Code		Tel No.	
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Contact Name	Bryce Staniland
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Position in Organisation	Treasurer
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Registered Charity	YES	Registration No.	1210360
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What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation:

The choir started in November 2024 and meets weekly in the Windrush School community room to practice a range of songs including popular songs from the charts and songs from musicals and stage shows as well as more traditional songs. The choir is open to anyone who likes to sing whatever their level of musical ability. Most members come from west Witney in particular the new Windrush Place and Colwell Green estates. The choir has performed at the switching on of the Witney Town Christmas lights in 2025 and at a number of other local events recently now we have developed a good repertoire.

The aim of the choir is to promote the wellbeing of the members through the medium of song and to contribute to the cohesion of the local community through shared activities.

(2) Membership

How many members do you have?	20 members
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Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?	All members live in Witney
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Is membership restricted in any way?	No
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What is your annual subscription, if any?	Weekly fees of £5 per member
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Are you affiliated to a national organisation?	The choir is part of Windrush Church which
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If so, which one?	is affiliated to the Baptist Union		
Local venue/meeting place	Windrush Church of England School community room.		
(3) Grants			
Purpose for which the grant is required: As the choir has only recently started, we have not yet built up enough members to break even. We have grown from 8 initial members in November 2024 to 20 now and hope to grow further over the next 12 months. We need a grant to cover our deficit until our membership grows to a point at which members fees will cover our costs.			
Amount of grant applied for	£2,350		
Has your organisation previously applied to the Town Council for a grant?			YES
If YES please give details	Windrush Church received a grant of £50 last year towards the purchase of new toys for our toddler group.		
Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?			YES
If YES please give details	We applied for and received a start-up grant of £6970 from West Oxfordshire District Council in 2024.		
(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> I attach a set of the choir accounts covering the period from November 2024 to December 2025 together with a budget for 2026. The choir finances form part of the church accounts which are available on request. The church itself has only been formally constituted since October 2024 so its first accounts cover the period from October 2024 to December 2025 and are currently subject to trustees' approval as they have only recently been prepared for external examination.			
(5) Fundraising			
What fundraising events or activities will your organisation be holding this year? We hope to attract donations when we perform at concerts throughout the year.			
(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.

West Oxfordshire District Council have directed us to apply to Witney Town Council for grant support this year rather than agreeing to continue their support in 2026.

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:

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.	

