



WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Grant-aid to Local Organisations APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

(1) Your Organisation			
Name of Organisation		Be Free Young	
Registered Address*		Be Free Young Carers, Harwell Innovation Centre, 173 Curie Avenue	
Didcot			
Post Code	OX11 0QG	Tel No.	01235 838554
Contact Name	Hannah Waugh		
Position in Organisation	Head of Fundraising (i.e. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary)		
Registered Charity	Yes YES/NO	Registration No.	1042708
<p><i>What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation:</i></p> <p>Be Free Young Carers is the only independent charity in Oxfordshire working exclusively with young carers aged between 8 to 17 years old. Our mission is to improve the emotional and social health, resilience, and development of young carers by widening their life options and empowering them to reach their full potential. We are currently supporting young carers based in South Oxfordshire, The Vale of White Horse, West Oxfordshire and Oxford City. Young carers face numerous challenges that can have a profound impact on their lives. Often feeling isolated, with few or no friends, they are at a higher risk of being bullied at school, experiencing depression, and even self-harming. Furthermore, young carers are more vulnerable to substance abuse, grooming, and sexual exploitation. Our objective is to help Oxfordshire's young carers achieve their full potential by enhancing their emotional and social well-being. We provide a network of practical and emotional support, including 1-2-1 emotional support, counselling, mindfulness activities, and befriending. Additionally, we offer 13+ youth clubs and respite opportunities.</p>			
(2) Membership			
How many members do you have?		716	
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?		55 registered and 26 on our referral list.	
Is membership restricted in any way?		Members must be Young Carers.	
What is your annual subscription, if any?		N/A.	
Are you affiliated to a national organisation? If so, which one?		We are in the Carers Trust partnership but are independent from any other charities.	
Local venue/meeting place		Guide posts office - 33 High Street Witney OX28 6HP	

(3) Grants	
Purpose for which the grant is required: In order to register young carers in Witney and deliver 1-2-1 emotional support to young carers in need of this wellbeing support. We still have 26 young carers in Witney requiring registration with more joining the waitlist on a weekly basis.	
Amount of grant applied for	£ 3,000
Has your organisation previously applied to the Town Council for a grant?	Yes. YES/NO
If YES please give details	We recieved £2000 of funding which ran from September 2024 - September 2025 for our first year of support to Young Carers in the area.
Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?	Yes. YES/NO
If YES please give details	We are an independtly funded charity and have sought funding for West Oxfordshire. We have secured funding from Step Change which covers some of our West Oxfordshire costs.
(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	
What fundraising events or activities will your organisation be holding this year? We are working in partnership with Dorchester Festival with funds from their 10 day event coming to the charity. We are also working from Frilford Heath Golf Club and will be hosting Quiz events with them. In addition we will be hosting our annual fun day for families to attend.	
(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.	
<i>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.</i>	
Signed:	Date: 13/01/2026

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.	