



WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Grant-aid to Local Organisations APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

(1) Your Organisation			
Name of Organisation		Cotswolds Rivers Trust	
Registered Address*		Bronsens Accountants Ltd, Eden House, Witney, OX28 4BL	
Post Code	OX28 4BL	Tel No.	see below
Contact Name	Ellie Pryor		
Position in Organisation	Project Officer (i.e. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary)		
Registered Charity	YES/NO	Registration No.	1150357
<i>What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation:</i> The Cotswolds Rivers Trust is a registered environmental charity working to protect, restore, and enhance rivers, streams, and watercourses across the Cotswolds and upper Thames catchment. Their overall vision is "vibrant and healthy waterways for everyone". The Trust is a catchment-based organisation, meaning it works at the scale of whole river systems rather than isolated sites. It brings together local communities, landowners, water companies, farmers, local authorities, and environmental partners to deliver practical improvements to river health. The Trust combines on-the-ground restoration projects (e.g., habitat creation, re-meandering, woody debris structures, natural flood management) with evidence-based catchment planning. A key part of their approach is ensuring that physical interventions are supported by robust water quality and ecological data, so that restoration is targeted, effective, and does not risk worsening existing pressures.			
(2) Membership			
How many members do you have?		2 employees and 7 trustees	
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?		0	
Is membership restricted in any way?		No	
What is your annual subscription, if any?		N/A	
Are you affiliated to a national organisation? If so, which one?		N/A	
Local venue/meeting place		Warwick Hall, Burford	

(3) Grants

Purpose for which the grant is required The Colwell Brook is currently in a degraded condition and presents a potential public health and environmental risk. Despite warning signage, there is continued public access and frequent dog walking along the corridor. The channel network is heavily overgrown in places, with accumulations of litter, organic debris, and physical blockages. These

Amount of grant applied for

£ 740

Has your organisation previously applied to the Town Council for a grant?

YES/NO

If YES please give details

Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?

YES/NO

If YES please give details

(4) 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.

(5) Fundraising

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

Within the Upper Thames Catchment, a series of events for volunteers, who are water sampling and riverfly monitoring with us. These events are planned to be a series of show and tell, guest speaker sessions, with tea, coffee & biscuits provided.

(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 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: 27/05/2026

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.	