



WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Grant-aid to Local Organisations APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

(1) Your Organisation			
Name of Organisation		Ducklington Sports Club	
Registered Address*		Ducklington Sports Club, Glebelands Playing Fields, Aston Road	
		Ducklington, Oxfordshire	
Post Code	OX29 7US	Tel No.	
Contact Name	Hamish Law		
Position in Organisation	Treasurer		
Registered Charity	YES	Registration No.	1137103
What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation:			
Ducklington Sports Club is a community football club based in Ducklington, Oxfordshire, providing organised, inclusive, and enjoyable football for children and young people across the local area. The club fields 14 teams across a wide range of age groups, with 218 registered players in the 2025/26 season. Of these, 102 players (47%) are registered with Witney addresses making Ducklington Sports Club a significant provider of youth sport for Witney's young people. The club is committed to inclusivity and widening participation. For the 2026/27 season, we are proud to be launching our first-ever girls' team, the Ducklington U11 Jaguars, marking an important step forward in providing equal sporting opportunities for girls in our community. This news has just been announced this week and we very much hope this is the start of a wider provision of girls football in the area. All players are welcomed regardless of ability, background, or experience. The club aims to really encourage teamwork, physical fitness, and a safe place to enjoy their football.			
(2) Membership			
How many members do you have?		218 registered players across 14 teams	
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?		102 members (approximately 47%)	
Is membership restricted in any way?		Membership is open to all but is dependent upon space being available in the respective squads.	
What is your annual subscription, if any?		Approximately £150 per player per year (varies depending on the league in which each team competes)	
Are you affiliated to a national organisation? If so, which one?		Yes, The Football Association (FA)	
Local venue/meeting place		Glebelands Playing Fields, Aston Road, Ducklington, OX29 7US	

(3) Grants

Purpose for which the grant is required:

The grant of £2,000 is requested to fund the purchase of new training and match footballs and first aid kits for all 14 teams ahead of the 2026/27 season. Adequate footballs and properly stocked first aid kits are essential for every training session and competitive match. Our current equipment is in need of replacement following the conclusion of the 2025/26 season.

Amount of grant applied for

£2,000

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

YES

If YES please give details

Yes, the club has previously received a grant from Witney Town Council for £1700 towards footballs and first aid kits ahead of the previous season (just under 12 months ago)

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

YES

If YES please give details

Ducklington Parish Council have given the club a grant of £3,700 specifically towards internal improvements to the club house at Ducklington Sports Club.

(4) Financial

Latest audited accounts enclosed.

(5) Fundraising

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

Ducklington Sports Club runs a varied and well-attended programme of fundraising events and social activities throughout the year:

- Annual Beer and Gin Festival (May) one of the club's flagship events, open to the wider community.
 - Monthly quiz nights which are held regularly throughout the year, popular with members and local residents alike.
 - Ducklington Flower Show (31st August) one of the busiest events in the local calendar, in which the club plays a central part.
- In addition, the club actively seeks sponsorship from local businesses to help meet running costs.

(6) General

Ducklington Sports Club is proud to serve the wider Witney community. Of our 218 registered players, 102 (47%) live within Witney itself, and the club draws further from surrounding villages including Ducklington, Aston, Standlake, and Hardwick.

The 2026/27 season represents a landmark year for the club. We are launching the Ducklington U11 Jaguars, our first-ever girls' team, which will provide structured, coached football to girls aged under 11 in the local area. This is a direct response to growing demand from families and reflects the club's commitment to inclusion and equal access to sport.

Grant funding from Witney Town Council would directly enable us to equip all 14 teams, including the new girls' team, with the footballs and first aid kits they need to participate safely and enjoyably throughout the season.

Should a grant be awarded, Ducklington Sports Club will acknowledge Witney Town Council's support on all relevant club literature, communications, and our club website.

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: *Hamish Law*

Date: 31/5/2026

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.	