



WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Grant-aid to Local Organisations APPLICATION FORM

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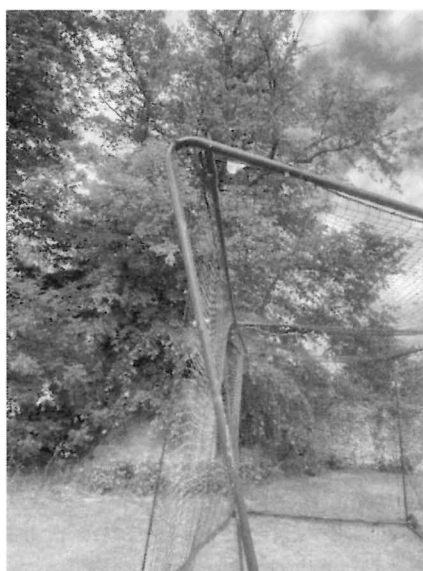
(1) Your Organisation			
Name of Organisation		Witney Mills Cricket Club	
Registered Address*		Witney, Oxon, United Kingdom, OX28	
Post Code	OX28 5FF	Tel No.	N/A
Contact Name	Tim Allen		
Position in Organisation	Committee Member (i.e. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary)		
Registered Charity	YES/NO	Registration No.	N/A
<i>What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation:</i> We are an active cricket club in the heart of witney. We aim to promote cricket and to increase participation in the sport. We run 4 adult sides, where a significant number of players have come through (or are still in) our junior section, as well as running age group cricket for boys from U9-U15's. In addition we are part of the English cricket boards (ECB) all stars and dynamos programs allowing us to run activities for children from 5-11 in a safe and organised environment. Our dynamos club is girls only, and one of the long term aims of the club is to align ourselves with Oxfordshire crickets aim to increase participation in cricket for girls and women. Our aim would be to provide more training and match facilities, as well as upgrading our female changing facilities – to allow us to also have a pathway for girls into hardball cricket that we can provide in witney, currently we work with other clubs to do this in west Oxfordshire. We have a strong belief that the strengthening of our junior cricket provision is key to keeping the club thriving and growing as well as it benefiting the children and families involved.			
(2) Membership			
How many members do you have?		Approximately 270 (This includes Adult members and junior members)	
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?		More than 75%	
Is membership restricted in any way?		Membership to the club is open to all, without prejudice.	
What is your annual subscription, if any?		Adult membership £100 Junior membership £50 (first child), £25 (second child), free for 3 rd + child	

Are you affiliated to a national organisation? If so, which one?	Oxfordshire Cricket Board (OCB) English Cricket Board (ECB)
Local venue/meeting place	Witney Mills Cricket Club - Newland

(3) Grants

Purpose for which the grant is required:

The grant would be used to purchase a new mobile batting cage. We use the mobile batting cage to allow for multiple junior age groups (and our senior players) to train whilst ensuring the safety of others on the ground – it is an essential tool that we used multiple times per week. Our current cage has lived a long life but has been battered by the weather over the last few years; and despite regular maintenance and care it has recently structurally failed. The cost to repair and replace the effected sections is significant, and there is high likelihood that some of the other parts will fail soon due to the additional strain put on them by the sections in the photos below having buckled/sheared off; so a replacement cage would be the most cost effective way of us being able to continue to provide this essential piece of equipment for our training purposes.



Amount of grant applied for

£1700

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

YES/NO

If YES please give details

**In 2021 we applied and were awarded £2,079.00 for a new lawnmower. Prior to 2021 we received an annual award of £500.
In 2026 we applied for the funding for this replacement mobile net, as described in this application, to the youth grants scheme – we were unsuccessful but advised to submit an application to the discretionary grant fund for review.**

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

YES/NO

If YES please give details

We have not applied to any other organization for a grant in relation to the replacement of our batting cage

(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.

Please find attached the Profit and Loss accounts for 2025 and 2026 so far. These have not yet been audited for 2025 yet but will be shortly.

(5) Fundraising

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

We have a long-term plan, in line with the ECB and OCB's aim to increase the participation in cricket – particularly aimed at increasing the level of participation through women's and girl's cricket. In order to achieve this, we are setting ourselves an adventurous target with the hopes of being able to improve the facilities within the cricket clubhouse to accommodate an improvement to the women's toilets and changing facilities; as well as increasing the playing area available for matches and training by inserting an artificial pitch onto our second field.

Our fundraising efforts include:

- **two cricket days:**
 - **a 'family fun day' with multiple matches going on from 10am – 6pm starting with a girls only "dynamos" festival in the morning but with activities for all age groups throughout the day. With plenty of games/activities and even a bouncy castle!**
 - **A kids vs parents day in September with all ages groups battling for the bragging rights in their respective households (from our all stars (5+ years) up to our Under 13's) – then culminating with the Den Harvey memorial match, a fixture between any U18s against the coaching team.**
- **Quiz nights**
- **Raffles**
- **Sponsorship**
- **We have also entered the club into the Toyota 'cricket for all' raffle. This is a raffle set up by the ECB in conjunction with Toyota where 100% of ticket sales are given to the respective club.**

All of the activities above were planned to raise funds for the long-term plan aiming at the advancement of cricket in the witney area to allow for us to provide opportunities for girls cricket and expand our current junior cricket offerings – we had not factored in the need to replace this equipment. This grant would aid us in our overall aim and we are extremely grateful for your consideration.

(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.

Please see attached document showing the long term aims and ambition of the club.

We are very grateful for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any further questions please don't hesitate to reach out to the contact details above.