



# WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

## Grant-aid to Local Organisations APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

### (1) Your Organisation

Name of Organisation	Oxfordshire Play Association (OPA)		
Registered Address*	Suite 7-03, Unit 7-8, Area C, Radley Road Industrial Estate, Radley Road, Abingdon. Oxon		
Post Code	OX14 3RY	Tel No.	07436 270267
Contact Name	Martin Gillett		
Position in Organisation	OPA Manager / Project Manager (i.e. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary)		
Registered Charity	YES	Registration No.	1160320

*What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation:*

#### **Vision**

To improve lives through Play

#### **Mission Statement**

To champion and to support the rights of all Children and Young People to have access to high quality, inclusive Play opportunities to improve physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing

#### **Purpose, Values and Objectives**

- Create Playful communities for Children and their Families
- Raise awareness amongst parents and carers of the importance of Play in their Children's lives
- Promote the importance of Play to Statutory, Corporate and Voluntary organisations
- Increase the number of qualified Playworkers delivering high quality Play as part of a qualified workforce
- Provide services and support to settings and partnerships that promote and influence Play and Playwork

## (2) Membership

How many members do you have?	We do not operate a Membership scheme
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?	N/A
Is membership restricted in any way?	All of our projects and events are offered Free of Charge to Service users
What is your annual subscription, if any?	All of our projects and events are offered Free of Charge to Service users
Are you affiliated to a national organisation? If so, which one?	Play England
Local venue/meeting place	Oxfordshire / Countywide

## (3) Grants

Purpose for which the grant is required:

Each year OPA delivers a series of Play & Activity days across Oxfordshire in line with the ethos of National Playday, the celebration of the Childs Right to Play ([www.playday.org.uk](http://www.playday.org.uk))

In the 8 years from 2012 to 2019 we delivered 86 events which were attended by over 120,000 guests.

All of our 2020 events were postponed due to the Coronavirus Restrictions

We always work with numerous partners across Witney to deliver events within the Town with Witney seeing quality Community events delivered over many years.

The unique selling point of our project is that we offer both FREE Entrance and FREE Activities to Ensure an inclusion for ALL.

Our Key Aims and Objectives for the project are as follows;

### For Children & Young People

- Promote Positive Behaviours & Activities (reduce anti-social behaviour)
- Promote Increased Levels of Physical Activity
- Promote Healthy Weight Management (obesity reduction)

### For Parents / Carers

- Provide an Event offering both FREE Entrance & FREE Activities to Ensure an Inclusion for ALL
- Demonstrate how Play & Quality Family Time can be achieved on a Zero / Minimal Budget using Natural & Recycled materials
- Provide information on services and activities available in the local and wider area

### For Communities

- Encourage a greater sense of belonging to promote Active & Engaged Communities – ‘Love Where You Live’
- Promote local clubs, groups and societies
- Involve local groups, communities and Children & Young People in the planning and delivery of events

The Annual Witney Play and Activity Day has become a permanent fixture in the Towns calendar and is held at a different venue within the Town each year to showcase the numerous, high quality green spaces and recreation grounds available to the people of Witney

The Witney Play & Activity Day event for 2021 is scheduled for delivery on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at Oxlease, Waddards Meadow

Amount of grant applied for	£1,000		
Has your organisation previously applied to the Town Council for a grant?	YES		
If YES please give details	Witney Town Council have previously funded this project / our events in 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015		
Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?	YES		
If YES please give details	OCC Councillor Priority Fund, West Oxfordshire District Council, Witney Town Hall Charity, Cottsway Housing		
<b>(4) Financial</b>			
<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>			
<b>(5) Fundraising</b>			
What fundraising events or activities will your organisation be holding this year?			
We do not hold fundraising events although we are registered with various Council Charitable Lotteries and Online Fundraising Platforms			
<b>(6) General</b>			
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: M Gillett (submitted electronically)		Date: 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	

*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.	

\*Please note that if your address and telephone number are personal information and not that of the company or organisation, please complete the form below which will not be published on our website and will be held in accordance with GDPR regulations. By

submitting this form, you are agreeing to the Town Council storing your personal information.

<b>Address for correspondence:</b>	As in Section 1
<b>Telephone number:</b>	As in section 1
<b>E-Mail</b>	<a href="mailto:martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk">martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk</a>