



## WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

### Youth Services Grant

### APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE ELECTRONICALLY)

<b>Organisation</b>			
Name of Organisation	Parish of Witney		
Registered Address (including Post Code)	St Mary's the Virgin Church Green Witney OX28 4AW		
Website	<a href="https://www.witneyparish.org.uk/">https://www.witneyparish.org.uk/</a>	Telephone	01993 779492 / 07359 191 459
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Contact Name	Laverne Williams		
Position in Organisation	Schools Chaplain and Youth Lead (i.e. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary)		
Registered Charity	YES/NO	Registration Number	1129784
<p>What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation?</p> <p>My name is Laverne Williams and I have recently joined the community of Witney as a School's Chaplain and Youth Lead and in a short time, have been able to support and work alongside amazing people who have a heart for children and youth.</p> <p>I work for the Parish of Witney an inclusive church embracing a hospitable Christianity. We are five Church of England churches, some large and some small, serving the town of Witney and the villages round about. We work across 11 schools, 6 nursing/care homes and outreach to new communities and to people in need across the area. We believe the church is called to be a community of mercy and kindness.</p>			

One of our aims is to reach and support the children and young people within the community. As a newcomer, I have recently observed the spike in anti social behaviour and the lack of resources available to older youth.

We are currently working with youth teams across Witney to provide support and activities, especially for those hard-to-reach youth and those who are in need.

We are part of a wider team which also includes the work being carried out on the Windrush estate. I also work closely with other Youth leaders in the area (Madley Park, Woodgreen, Cogges). This program/unit will be available for the use of youth leaders in the community also.

## Membership

How many members do you have?	This varies from week to week, but on average, around 400 regular attendees, but we outreach to thousands each year
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?	On average 96%
Is membership restricted in any way?	No
What is your annual subscription, if any?	Voluntary contributions
Are you affiliated to Oxfordshire Youth or other similar umbrella organisation? If so, which one?	No
Local venue/meeting place (if applicable)	Our churches

## Grant-Funding

Purpose for which the grant is required:

### ‘The Tent’

To create a multi-purpose space for the use of children and youth within the community.

This space will be available for the use of the community who would like to run programmes for the community. As buildings/space appears to be at a premium, this will not only create our own but also be available for use of many and begin to meet a great need within the community

The Tent will be a portable space that can be moved to different parts of the community if and when necessary to create activities where required.

I have tried to source the cheapest option for all items where possible and have also used seconds where I think it helps towards bringing the cost down further.

There are also groups who have said that they support the idea and willing to support it with equipment and their own funds.

I would like to apply for a grant for the following:

ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST
Venue: Portacabin	£7'995	1	£7'995
IT Equipment Laptop	£199	2	£398
Storage, Large Cupboards	£178	2	£356
Activity and sports equipment	£500	1	£500
Fires safety – Water	£35.39	1	£35.39
Fire Safety – Co2	£49.19	1	£49.19
TOTAL			<b>£9'333.58</b>

Item details and purpose below.

**Portacabin:**

Portable community space for the use of all groups coming together to work with children and youth within the community.

32'x10' Genuine 'Elliot' Office

<https://ukcabins.com/find-a-cabin/used/6734/32x10-genuine-elliott-office>





### **I.T Equipment**

Laptops. Part of the youth programme that will be carried out is that of supporting young people with applications (education, employment etc.)

LENOVO IdeaPad 3i 15.6" Chromebook - Intel® Pentium®, 128 GB eMMC, Grey – (Curry's)

<https://www.currys.co.uk/products/lenovo-ideapad-3i-15.6-chromebook-intel-pentium-128-gb-emmc-grey-10229554.html>

### ***Storage***

2 Large cupboards (storage of materials, arts, crafts etc.) With a number of groups that will be working from the space, it will be necessary to have lockable storage for all the materials being donated and used (for example, Arts and crafts, sports equipment, toys, educational equipment etc.)

Bisley Regular Door Cupboard Lockable with 3 Shelves Steel E722A03av4 914 x 400 x 1806mm Goose Grey  
[www.viking-direct.co.uk](http://www.viking-direct.co.uk)

### ***Activity & sports equipment***

Various = £500

### **Fire Safety**

As we will be operating all year round, we would like to offer a space where we can not only run activities, but where youth can grab a hot chocolate and some toast in the winter. As a result, we need to have extinguishers for safety

<https://www.fireprotectionshop.co.uk/>

Extinguishers

Water £35.39

CO2 £49.19

The remaining items will be donated by the church and community.

Amount of grant applied for	£9'333.58	
Has your organisation previously applied to the Town Council for a grant?		NO
If YES, please give details		
Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?		NO
If YES, please give details		
<b>Financial</b>		
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.		
<b>Fundraising</b>		
<p>What fundraising events or activities will your organisation be holding this year?</p> <p>The Windrush project is still new. We are currently working in partnership with the Baptist church to provide outreach and community building on the new estate. We have resourced this ourselves. We believe there is a key possibility for building capacity with young people in the area.</p> <p>The are also youth fundraising programs planned to help to build put towards the cost of further resources</p>		

## General

Please provide or attach any additional information which may assist the Council in reaching its decision.

## VISION

What makes this such an exciting and worthwhile project are the number of groups that are coming together to not only support the application and the use of requested funds, but also the voluntary time on offer and the partnerships that will be created.

One of the biggest benefits of the structure (apart from the fact that it could be replicated in other areas) is that many youth teams coming together to provide a variety of programs, from CEIAG (Advice and guidance – I am a qualified careers advisor) to preventative programs for those youth seeking support. It is also a safe space that youth will identify in the area for support, positive activities and also a way to build the community by learning new skills (including learning how to grow your own food, volunteering in the community etc.)

The projects being run from this space would be immense, from creating an eco-friendly roof, to employment support for hard-to-reach. The space would be used by the community intergenerationally (including the elderly community being able to run clubs from 'The Tent')

This project is something that could be replicated in several areas, removing the difficulty of finding a suitable building and rent/purchase cost of a building.

## LOCATION

In the first instance, we would have this space operating on the Windrush Estate to tackle what appears to be a growing discontent with young people and the community. There have been numerous complaints and police visits to the area with a growing number of reports of anti-social behaviour. As a youth worker, I have been asked to help in the area, but believe that the solution will be more evident in a program and unit such as this. Where many youth projects can come together to provide activities on a regular basis. Anti-social behaviour has increased, and is something I think we can help to tackle with this programme.

Summary of Crimes in Witney This Year

Crime	Witney		Oxfordshire		Rate Difference
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	
Anti-Social Behaviour	299	10.32	5,687	8.22	↓ 20% more dangerous
Bicycle Theft	49	1.69	1,789	2.59	↑ 53% safer
Burglary	57	1.97	2,231	3.23	↑ 64% safer
Criminal Damage and Arson	157	5.42	4,216	6.10	↑ 13% safer
Drugs	72	2.48	1,715	2.48	0% safer
Other Crime	33	1.14	851	1.23	↑ 8% safer

<https://crimerate.co.uk/oxfordshire/witney#witney-crime-map>

The benefit of this vision is that it can be easily replicated or moved from one area to another and is a great way to create community cohesion.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** (with more in sight)

Please find included in this section, a supporting letter from Creative Connector for the Windrush who is willing to use his funding to support the work that would be created with 'The Tent'

Support for application

*As the Creative connector for Windrush I fully support this application for the Community 'The Tent'.*

*It will greatly benefit the community and it will enable us to run events and activities which will create bonds and a feeling of belonging for the residents of Windrush.*

*The benefits that the Community will get from 'The Tent' are as follows*

- *It will enable many more community events to happen on the estate.*
- *for the people who are working on the estate building the community it would provide them a place to do their work.*
- *It will provide a practical solution to storing equipment and materials which are needed in the process of community building.*
- *It will create a cultural focal point to celebrate the stories and identities of the residents of Windrush.*
- *We will be more able to run activities and events all year round.*

*'The Tent' would have a light footprint and would be sensitively placed in the community and its scale would be small. With its own green source of energy for lighting and only on occasions would be used for small meetings of people, negating the need for expensive amenities.*

*The appearance of the structure will be very important.*

*If successful I would add money from my creative connectors budget to decorate the 'Tent' (Portacabin) to make sure it was a cultural asset as well as a practical one.*

*I would commission an artist to create a mural that would celebrate the history and heritage of the residents. The Tent would be a signpost to events. It would also help give residents a sense of belonging to where they live.*

*Alongside families the other two groups who would greatly benefit from activities that we would run from The Tent. Are young people and the older members of our community. From our initial observations these two groups seem to be in most need of engagement to improve their health and wellbeing.*

Jacky Bone – Windrush Estate Community programmes

St Mary's The Virgin – Youth team

Thomas W Cross – Arts Creative Connector

(TBC) – ST Mary's Cogges, Got2Be, The Methodist Church

**SAFETY/SAFEGUARDING:**

All groups with access to the unit, will be qualified and or have current DBS checks. There will also be monthly meetings to check on progress of the Tent and its program, taking the opportunity to evaluate what is going well and where improvements can be made to ensure the needs of youth in the community are being met,

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

[REDACTED]

Date: 15/08/2022

*If posting, please return your completed application form to the address overleaf, for the attention of the TOWN CLERK*