

Biddulph Town Council



Biddulph Town Council is reviewing the Grant Scheme and accompanying Policy during 2025-26. We hope to develop a new scoring system and would appreciate your support with this. As you complete this application form, **please add as much detail as possible to each answer**. Separately, if you have any feedback on how to improve the current process, please let us know when you submit your application.

About Your Group

1 – Contact Details

Name of Group:

Name of Main Contact Person:

Address for Correspondence:

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Telephone No:

Email Address:

2 – Type of Organisation

What type of group or organisation are you (tick as many boxes as apply)

- ☐ Voluntary or Community
- ☐ School (Voluntary e.g. PTFA)
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Other:

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How many individuals are paid? How many are voluntary?

3 – Registered Charity Number (where applicable)

4 – When was your group Established?

5 - What was your group set up to do? What are the main aims of the group?

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6 - Has your group applied for a Town Council Grant before?

☐Yes ☐No

Please complete details about the Grant you are applying for

7 - Amount requested £

Funds will be sent by bank transfer. Please confirm the name of your account, the account number and sort code.

Organisation name:

Account name:

Sort code:

Please note - the group must have its own bank account.

8 - When is the money needed?



9 - What do you intend to use the money for?

(Please give as much detail as possible to help your application)

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10 - Who would benefit from the grant and how? (include how many in group, age of members- e.g. retirement, school age, toddlers)

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11 - How important is this grant to the ongoing work of your organisation?

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12 - Who would be responsible for accounting for any money given?

Name:

Position in the Group or Organisation:

Does this Grant Application have the support of your Group?

13 - Have you applied for a grant from anywhere else?

Details (including what activities additional grants will fund):

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14 - Supporting information (include why the Town Council should consider your application, are there any risks if funding is not granted, etc.)

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15 - If you received a grant from Biddulph Town Council last year (including the Councillors' Community Grant Fund), please specify how the grant was spent.

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16 - Provide a summary from all your accounts

Are the figures below:

- ☐ information from the latest accounts approved by your organisation.
- or
- ☐ a projection because your organisation has been running less than 15 months.

Account year ending:

Total income for the year:

Total expenditure for the year:

Surplus or deficit at the year-end:

Total savings or reserves at the year-end:

Please include independently examined accounts with your application

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17 – Safeguarding

Does your group or organisation work with children, young people or vulnerable adults?

☐Yes ☐No

Outline your policies and procedures for upholding safeguarding standards suitable for the level of contact your organisations has with children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Please note that the Town Council may request copies of any Safeguarding policies or procedures held.

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By signing this application, you are confirming that all information you have completed on this form is true to the best of your knowledge, and is in compliance with the guidance and accompanying notes enclosed with the form.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Please return this completed application form by **5pm on Friday 13 June 2025**

Late applications will not be considered.

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Prior to submitting this application, please complete the following checklist:

- ☐ A fully completed and signed application form is enclosed.
- ☐ Detailed financial information has been provided in response to q16.
- ☐ A copy of independently examined or audited financial accounts for the group for the most recent completed financial year is enclosed with the application. *(Please note that a copy of accounts or bank statements which has not been verified by a person independent of your group is not sufficient.)*
- ☐ Safeguarding policies and procedures are available upon request.
- ☐ An evaluation has been submitted for all previous grants received from Biddulph Town Council.
- ☐ You confirm that you adhere to principles of inclusivity and equal opportunities, as outlined in the Town Council's Equal Opportunities Policy (available on www.biddulph.co.uk)



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Guidelines and Accompanying Notes

Please read these notes carefully before completing the application form. This should be read in conjunction with the Grants Policy on www.biddulph.co.uk or available on request.

1. Grant applications will normally only be considered from groups and organisations within the area administered by Biddulph Town Council. All grant applications are considered through its Finance Strategy and Management Committee. The beneficiaries of any grant must be centred on Biddulph or should be of benefit to a high percentage of Biddulph residents. Be prepared that evidence may be requested.
2. The Town Council reserves the right not to make grants to certain types of organisation and is unable to award funding to assist with publicity. Neither the Town Council nor the Finance Strategy and Management Committee will enter into any correspondence regarding any decision made by the Finance Strategy and Management Committee.
3. Applicants should attempt to meet expenses from other sources and provide evidence to that effect if requested. (Other sources might include District and County Councils, parent organisations if the applicant is the branch of a larger organisation, or national bodies such as the Sports Council, Charitable Trusts, Robbie Williams Give it Sum, or the National Lottery).
4. Retrospective grants will not normally be considered.
5. Any grant will be made for a single application only. Long-term or dependent grants will need to be re-submitted on an annual basis.
6. Monetary limits for all grants will normally be £30 minimum and £2000 as a maximum. Larger amounts may be considered in exceptional circumstances.
7. All applications must include any appropriate plans, drawings, or other relevant information to enable the application to be accurately assessed. **This must include a current set of independently examined/audited accounts (a copy of a bank statement is not sufficient).**



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8. The Town Council reserves the right to verify the details supplied in the application. If false information is given, the Town Council may refuse your application outright.
9. The Finance Strategy and Management Committee reserves the right to monitor the application and use of any grant aid and may withhold, withdraw, or recover the grant, if the operation for which the grant is awarded ceases, or its aims and objectives vary to the extent that the application would not have been eligible for consideration at the time of application. Any misuse of grant aid funds will result in appropriate legal action.
10. Where an organisation receives a grant, it shall be on the condition that members of the Town Council's Finance Strategy and Management Committee may visit its premises, site of the project and/or event if appropriate and may request sight of receipts or other proof of expenditure.
11. The applicant must specifically acknowledge the contribution made by Biddulph Town Council when arranging promotional activity or literature relating to the application.
12. Any awarded grant must be spent in this financial year i.e. by 31 March 2026, unless a written application for an extension is made to the Finance Strategy and Management Committee by 1 March 2026. In this event an alternative date may be specified by which the expenditure must be made. If any grant aid is not spent as stated on the application, or not spent by the specified date, the grant must be returned in full to Biddulph Town Council.
13. An evaluation must be provided to Biddulph Town Council within 4 weeks of the completion of the project; to provide evidence that the benefits and outputs have been achieved. Failure to complete the evaluation form may render the organisation ineligible for grant funding the following year.
14. The Finance Strategy and Management Committee will consider requests for grants annually in June. Late applications will not be considered.
15. Only one application from any organisation per year will be considered. Preference may be given to those organisations which have not received prior funding from Biddulph Town Council.



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16. Organisations working with young people and vulnerable adults must have adequate safeguarding policies and procedures in place. A copy of such policies may be requested by the Town Council prior to, upon or following a grant award.
17. Please note that Biddulph Town Council is obliged to list all payment and grant recipients on its website.
18. Grants will only be awarded to groups that adhere to principles of inclusivity and equal opportunities, as outlined in the Town Council's Equal Opportunities Policy (available on www.biddulph.co.uk)



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