

St. Mary Bourne Parish Council

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# **GRANT AWARDING POLICY AND APPLICATION FORM**

## Grant Awarding Policy

1. Not all the questions contained in this application form are relevant to all organisations, but it is important to receive as much information as possible to help the Parish Council decide upon your application. The Parish Council welcomes any supporting information that you believe will better explain and assist your application. If there is insufficient space on any part of the application form, please indicate and attach a separate note.
2. When making your application the Parish Council will consider requests that adhere to some or all of the following criteria:
  - a) The grant can be for capital expenditure, running costs (but not staff costs) or a special event.
  - b) Any project, time specific or ongoing can be considered for a grant.
  - c) The grant must be spent in accordance with the approved application and not for any other purpose.
  - d) The grant should be for a bona fide organisation and not an individual
  - e) The grant is for non-political reasons.
  - f) Where a grant is given to a voluntary body, the body must be required within 12 months to state in writing the use to which the money has been put.
  - e) Only one application per financial or calendar year from each organisation can be made.
3. Requests for grant aid will only be considered from the following categories:
  - a) A charity based in St Mary Bourne & Surrounding Villages (Within St Mary Bourne Parish).
  - b) An organisation serving the needs of the residents of St Mary Bourne Parish.
  - c) A St Mary Bourne Parish-based club/association/organisation serving a specific section of the community, or the community as a whole.

The Parish Council as a body does not affiliate to any political party and therefore will not provide grant aid to support activity of this type in the Parish.

Any award of a grant must give direct benefit to all or some of the inhabitants, and the size of the grant should be commensurate with the benefit delivered.

4. Supporting Documentation:
  - a) A copy of the full accounts of the organisation (if applicable showing all general and special balances) must be sent with the application form.
  - b) All applications for a grant must declare any other grants that have been received in connection with the submission.
5. No grant will be considered for private or commercial societies or organisations or closed clubs (those clubs that have a selective/restrictive membership policy).
6. The applicant must declare the full purpose of the grant and clearly define benefits derived from the funding.
7. Invoices or documentation *must* be supplied as evidence of the expenditure of the grant for the purpose for which it was awarded. You may be required to complete and return a grant evaluation form within 6 months of the award being made. Failure to comply may jeopardise future grant applications.
8. There will be no change to the intended use of the grant without express written authority of the council.
9. Failure to achieve the specified purpose of the grant or unauthorised variation shall require the recipient to return the entire grant to the Parish Council.
10. Grants will be considered and awarded by the Parish Council as a whole. Grants will not be awarded retrospectively.
11. Where funding is given for an event, the organiser must indemnify the Parish Council against any claim from any party as a result of any incident or accident associated with the said event. Where funding is awarded for any other purpose the Council cannot be held responsible or liable in any capacity.
12. St Mary Bourne Parish Council reserves the right to purchase items on behalf of any club, society or organisation.
13. St Mary Bourne Parish Council makes grants to voluntary, cultural, charitable and sporting organisations for the benefit of the local community. They will take account of the objectives of the association and the degree of benefit arising from the grant in assessing its priorities.

**Policy Review: May 2027**

## Grant Application Form – St Mary Bourne Parish Council

	<b>Name of Group/Organisation</b>	
1.	Name and address of person who should be contacted regarding this application	Title.....  First Name..... Surname.....  Address..... .....  Town.....County.....  Post Code.....  Tel: .....  E-mail.....
	<b>PROJECT/INITIATIVE</b>	
2.	What project/initiative are you requesting Grant Aid for? Please itemise how the grant money would be spent?	
3.	How will this project/initiative benefit the residents of St Mary Bourne Parish?	
4.	How much Grant Aid are you requesting from St Mary Bourne Parish Council?	
5.	Please give details of any other grants awarded or applied for.	
	<b>GROUP/ORGANISATION DETAILS</b>	
6.	What are your main aims and objectives?	
7.	Where do your main activities/projects take place?	
8.	Are you a registered charity?	If yes, please give charity number:

9.	Size of group/organisation, e.g. number of staff and/or members?	
10.	Do you charge a subscription? If so, what is your annual subscription?	
11.	Any other relevant information.	

**Please ensure you enclose the following documents with this form:**

- Copy of the Full Accounts
- Quotations/papers outlining cost of project/initiative
- Background information about your group/organisation

Please confirm that you have read and understand the Grants Policy: YES/NO