

APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Name of Organisation Applying: **Martinstown Garden and Craft Society**

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Are you or any members of your organisation related to any elected member or employee of the Council? If so, please give details:

Cllr Mark Pemberton and Mrs Pemberton formed part of the initial exploratory meeting.

Purpose/Aims and Activities of the Organisation:

To restart the Martinstown Garden and Craft Society village show and to run thereafter on a self-funding basis.

Size of Organisation/Number of Members: Services/ Activities Provided, Eligibility Criteria and Charges Made:

The Village/Parish had run self-funding annual shows of produce and craft on and off since the 1970's. The currently existing bank account was set in 2015 after a show in 2014. Shows continued annually until Covid (and later a village hall closure) intervened forcing cancellation. Mr R Benson, one of the account signatories, sought support for a restart through the Valley and Valence magazine and as a result an initial meeting of 10 parishioners met on 9th April 2024 to discuss the revitalisation of the society and its shows.

Purpose for which the grant is required:

Seed funding to permit the restart of the Martinstown Garden and Craft Show on a self-funding basis thereafter.

Please include details on who will benefit from the project or scheme requiring funding:

All members of the Parish will be encouraged to enter produce or craft, with sections covering garden produce, baking, and craft, with specific sections added to encourage participation of children. Those parishioners not entering produce will also be invited to attend and enjoy the show and refreshments. Numbers of entrants and parishioners viewing the show are not known exactly. However, the number of entries has historically been over 300.

Total cost of the project or scheme requiring funding: **c£540**

Business Model

Executive Summary:

Historically the Village Show held an operating surplus of c£500 but a substantial portion of this was committed to preparation for shows cancelled during the Covid Pandemic and hall closure for kitchen refurbishment and maintenance. These costs, for example printing, were committed prior to the cancellations resulting in a total loss. Given this the account balance now shows £188.72 which is insufficient to allow a commitment of the early expenditure required to allow the Martinstown Garden and Craft Show to be planned. However, a grant of £250 will allow planning to proceed. Together with the current balance and predicted income from the event this will allow the organisation to be self-funding going forward.

All figures below are based on historical norms adjusted for inflation.

Projected Costs: £540 being:

Early Costs (Go/No Go): £440:

Printing of programmes and preparation of prize cards: c£265

Refurbishment and Replacement of Trophies (a one-off cost including provision of additional Trophies for children's categories): c£100

Funding guarantees for neutral judges: c£50

Refreshment and raffle prizes c£25

Later Costs:

Hire of Village Hall: £100

Projected Income: £550 being:

Entry Fees: c£150

Raffle: c£150 (Figure is very much based on donations)

Refreshments: c£250 (This figure is very much based on voluntary production of cakes etc).

Other Fund-Raising Activities:

The Informal Committee rejected the idea of holding other activities to raise funding as these would necessarily interfere with other charities and youth groups plans. There is a need to start advertising and printing as soon as possible to allow parishioners time to plan their entries for the show.

Amount of grant Applied for:

£250

Account of Activities over the previous year:

The event has not taken place since 2019 and this application follows the initial meeting held on 9th April 2024.

Account of Plans for Forthcoming year:

The organisation proposes to host the Martinstown Garden and Craft Show in Martinstown Village Hall on 8th September 2024.


If your Organisation works with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults, please confirm that it has appropriate safeguarding and related policies in place.

We confirm that there will be appropriate safeguarding and related policies in place.

Additional information: please provide any additional information you may consider relevant or helpful to the Council when considering this application.

Attached the latest bank statement showing current available funds and bank details.

Declaration: I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all particulars and information provided in this document are correct and complete. I understand that any false declaration or misleading information or any significant omission may result in the rejection of the application or repayment of any grant aid subsequently provided.

Signed  Date 14 April 2024

Philip Newman