

Knaresborough

Town Council

KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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Application Summary:

Name of organisation/individual*	Knaresborough in Bloom
Primary Contact regarding application:	Knaresborough Town Council Knaresborough House High Street Knaresborough North Yorkshire HG5 0HW
Address:	Knaresborough Town Council Knaresborough House High Street Knaresborough North Yorkshire HG5 0HW
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
Project/event title:	Knaresborough in Bloom annual planting grant
Total cost of project:	Approx. £3,000
Amount of grant requested from KTC:	£1600
Date of Application	29/04/2026

The Applicant:

What is the main purpose of your organisation?	All our efforts are aimed at promoting Knaresborough as a great place to live and an attractive tourist destination.
How many years has your organisation been in existence?	Under the present chair since 2003, however Knaresborough has been part of Britain in Bloom since the 1970's
If your organisation run by a Committee? If yes, how many Committee members?	6
If your organisation is a club with membership, please provide the following details: Membership - Number of adult members: Number of junior members: Does your club charge for membership? If yes, please provide details of the membership scheme and charges applicable	

What activities are available for members? Can anyone join your organisation or is it by invitation only? If yes, please give details	Planting, weeding, litter picking, admin, planning future schemes, liaison with local schools and societies Local gardens competition and awards evening Entering Yorkshire in Bloom Anyone can join
Is your club affiliated to any national organisation? Please list any affiliations	
Does your service/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults? Yes ☐ No It does not	If yes, as a minimum we expect you to: • have safeguarding policies in place that are appropriate to your organisation's work and the project you are asking us to fund • review your safeguarding policies at least every year • complete a rigorous recruitment and selection process for staff and volunteers who work with children, young people or vulnerable adults, including checking criminal records and taking up references • check criminal records at least every three years • follow statutory or best practice guidance on appropriate ratios of staff or volunteers to children, young people or vulnerable adults • provide child protection and health and safety training or guidance for staff and volunteers • carry out a risk assessment, if appropriate • secure extra insurance cover, if appropriate Does your organisation meet these requirements: Yes it does No ☐

The Project/Event/Individual's role:

Brief description of scheme	Annual support grant for Knaresborough in Bloom to provide colourful and sustainable plants in the town. In addition to help to pay for a water bowser.
What are the aims of the project/event?	Funding from Knaresborough Town Council is for our "core activities" which involve planting containers around the town with spring bulbs and summer planting.
What benefit will the award bring to the Knaresborough Community and number of residents directly benefitting?	Yorkshire in Bloom judges will visit the town sometime during the first 2 weeks of July. Civic pride, excellent environment. Working with Green Connectors on continuing plans for the community garden at Conyngham Hall and continuing to work with the Knaresborough Wellbeing Hub to encourage gardening at the community

	centre. Working with Renaissance Knaresborough on a new garden on the High Street and working to improve the attractiveness of the bus station and large permanent planters in the market place.
Does your organisation have the ability to meet new community needs, and if so, how?	We are demonstrating our flexibility with our willingness to engage with new and existing community groups across the town.
The quality and effectiveness of service provided through the use of this grant	KIB has been very successful in Yorkshire in Bloom competitions in recent years and has gained Gold on numerous occasions. The stringent and rigorous judging by YIB ensures that KIB puts a lot of effort into making Knaresborough an even more beautiful town.
If the application is for an annual or recurring local event, please answer the following additional questions: 1. For how many years has the event run 2. Attendance Attendance at last event? Anticipated attendance at planned Event?	Not applicable
Give a summary of the activities your organisation has achieved during the last year. If you are a new organisation please indicate activities you wish to undertake.	We continue to plant the town with attractive bedding plants twice a year and enter the Yorkshire in Bloom competition. Last year the town was awarded Gold.
Why do you think the Council should support this event/project?	It is in everyone's interest for the town to be attractive. KIB adds value through volunteer effort.

Project/Event planning

Date that you propose to commence the project or hold the event.	We will commence our summer planting towards the end of May. We will commence working on various gardens in the town from April.
Does the project or event require permission from Harrogate Borough Council or North Yorks CC? If yes, what is the status of your application to them (not yet submitted/submitted not determined/granted)	Not applicable

Financial Details

Estimated total cost (including any fees)	£3000
Contribution from your funds:	£1400
Contribution from other organisations (please specify)	

Does the estimated total cost of the project/event include payments in kind, eg free labour/materials etc. If yes, please estimate value of contribution	Volunteer hours
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Check List:
Please tick:

I have read and agreed your terms and policies	tick
I agree to provide feedback to the Town Council if my application is approved, including publicity	tick
I enclose the following documents to support my application: Latest financial accounts Set of rules by which my organisation runs Other supporting information Permissions, if appropriate, from HBC and/or NYCC	tick

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Declaration:

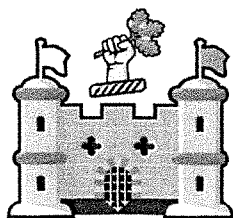
I hereby declare that I have the authority to submit this application on behalf of the organisation or individual detailed above and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information given on this application form, and in any supporting material, is correct. I understand that you may request additional information at any stage of the application process.

Signed 

Name of Signatory 

Position: treasurer

Date: 29/04/2026



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Application Summary:

Name of organisation/individual*	Harrogate Town AFC Community Foundation
Primary Contact regarding application:	Gareth Jones
Address:	Harrogate Town Community Foundation Knaresborough Town Council Knaresborough House Knaresborough Town Council Knaresborough House High Street Knaresborough North Yorkshire HG5 0HW
Telephone number:	
Email address:	garethjones@harrogatetownafc.com
Project/Event title:	Creative Primary Mentoring Programme
Total cost of project:	£2190
Amount of grant requested from KTC	£1800
Date of Application	02.07.2026

The Applicant:

What is the main purpose of your organisation?	We are a community-focused charity dedicated to improving lives through inclusive, accessible programmes that promote health, wellbeing, confidence and opportunity for people of all ages across Knaresborough, Harrogate and the surrounding areas. As the charitable arm of the football club, we want to be able to provide opportunity across the area and break down any barriers to participation regardless of a person's situation.
How many years has your organisation been in existence?	Since December 2019 as a registered charity.
If your organisation run by a Committee? If yes, how many Committee members?	NA
If your organisation is a club with membership, please provide the following details: Membership - Number of adult members: Number of junior members: Does your club charge for membership?	NA

If yes, please provide details of the membership scheme and charges applicable	
What activities are available for members? Can anyone join your organisation or is it by invitation only? If yes, please give details	Walking football, weight loss programmes, mental health programmes, reduction of social isolation programmes, nursery and school delivery programmes, programmes to combat anti-social behaviour, supporting prison work and sporting competitions for people in the area. Anybody can join depending on the criteria of the programmes.
Is your club affiliated to any national organisation? Please list any affiliations	We were in the EFL (English Football League) and are now moving into the National Football League. We still access support from the Premier League.
Does your service/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults?	If yes, as a minimum we expect you to: • have safeguarding policies in place that are appropriate to your organisation's work and the project you are asking us to fund • review your safeguarding policies at least every year • complete a rigorous recruitment and selection process for staff and volunteers who work with children, young people or vulnerable adults, including checking criminal records and taking up references • check criminal records at least every three years • follow statutory or best practice guidance on appropriate ratios of staff or volunteers to children, young people or vulnerable adults • provide child protection and health and safety training or guidance for staff and volunteers • carry out a risk assessment, if appropriate • secure extra insurance cover, if appropriate Does your organisation meet these requirements:
Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐

The Project/Event/Individual's role:

Brief description of scheme	Our Creative Primary Mentorship Programme is designed to improve the confidence, self-esteem and resilience of primary-aged children in Knaresborough who would benefit from additional support with their emotional wellbeing. Targeting children who might struggle with the demands of being in a classroom, it is a breakout space to support their wellbeing and also a preventative measure to support their behaviour and general health, helping them to succeed. Working in partnership with local priority schools, we will deliver two tailored six-week programmes each half term—one for boys and one for girls—to ensure the content, activities and mentoring approach are relevant to the different challenges each group may experience. Each weekly session combines one-to-one and small group mentoring, creative activities, physical activity and guided reflection to provide children with practical tools to understand their emotions, build positive relationships and develop greater self-belief. Sessions will be delivered by experienced male and female mentors, providing
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	positive role models and creating safe, supportive environments where participants feel comfortable to engage. The programme focuses on developing key life skills including confidence, communication, resilience, teamwork, emotional wellbeing, leadership, creativity and problem-solving. Children will set personal goals, reflect on their progress and celebrate achievements throughout the programme. Success will be measured through participant feedback, confidence and wellbeing questionnaires, mentor observations and school feedback, enabling us to demonstrate improvements in self-esteem, resilience, engagement and overall wellbeing. Our aim is to equip young people with the confidence and coping strategies they need to thrive both in school and in everyday life.
What are the aims of the project/event?	The aim of this project is to provide early intervention support for primary-aged children who are experiencing low confidence, poor self-esteem or emotional wellbeing challenges, helping them to develop the resilience, skills and self-belief needed to thrive both in school and within their wider community. The project aims to: • Improve children's confidence, self-esteem and emotional wellbeing. • Build resilience and equip participants with positive coping strategies to manage everyday challenges. • Encourage positive behaviour, teamwork and a stronger sense of belonging within school and the local community. • Increase motivation, independence and aspirations through positive role models and personalised mentoring. • Reduce the risk of children requiring more intensive support by providing accessible early intervention. • Create safe, inclusive environments where children feel valued, heard and supported.
What benefit will the award bring to the Knaresborough Community and number of residents directly benefitting?	The Creative Primary Mentorship Programme will provide early intervention support for children in Knaresborough who would benefit from additional help to improve their confidence, self-esteem and emotional wellbeing. By working with local primary schools, the programme will support children before challenges escalate, helping them to remain engaged in education and develop the resilience and life skills needed to achieve positive outcomes. The project will benefit not only the participating children but also their families, schools and the wider community. Children who feel more confident, connected and emotionally resilient are more likely to attend school regularly, engage positively in learning and develop healthy relationships with their peers. This can contribute to improved educational attainment, reduced behavioural issues and a more positive school environment, easing pressures on teaching staff and pastoral support services.

	By promoting emotional wellbeing and equipping children with practical coping strategies, the programme also supports wider public health objectives by helping to reduce the demand for more intensive interventions from mental health and other statutory services in the future. Investing in preventative support at an early age can have long-term benefits for both individuals and public services. In the longer term, developing resilience, communication, teamwork and aspiration will help young people make positive life choices, increasing their future employability and reducing the risk of social isolation or anti-social behaviour. The programme aims to help children become confident, active members of their community who are better equipped to contribute positively as they grow into adulthood.
Does your organisation have the ability to meet new community needs, and if so, how?	Yes. As a small, community-focused charity, we are well placed to respond quickly and effectively to emerging needs within the local community. Our size allows us to be flexible and adapt our programmes based on feedback from schools, families and the children we support, ensuring our provision remains relevant and responsive. We have established strong relationships with local primary schools and education professionals, enabling us to identify children who would benefit most from early intervention and tailor our support to meet their individual needs. These partnerships also allow us to continually review the effectiveness of our programmes and adapt our delivery in response to changing community priorities. Our team of qualified coaches and experienced mentors have a proven track record of delivering high-quality sport and wellbeing programmes that positively engage young people. We have successfully piloted this mentoring approach and have seen encouraging outcomes in children's confidence, engagement and emotional wellbeing. This experience gives us confidence that the programme can be successfully expanded to reach more children across Knaresborough. Although we are a small organisation, we have access to a wide range of resources, experienced delivery staff and strong local partnerships that enable us to deliver impactful programmes efficiently. Our focus on early intervention, combined with our ability to adapt delivery based on participant feedback and measurable outcomes, ensures we can continue to meet the evolving needs of children, schools and the wider community. We are committed to working collaboratively with schools, local authorities and community partners to ensure our services complement existing provision, address identified gaps

	in support and deliver lasting benefits for children and families in Knaresborough.
What, if any, are the environmental benefits of your project and how will sustainability be addressed from a climate change perspective.	Whilst the primary focus of this project is improving children's mental health and wellbeing, we are committed to delivering the programme in an environmentally responsible way. Where possible, sessions will take place within local schools and community facilities, reducing the need for travel and associated carbon emissions. We will encourage participants and staff to walk or cycle to sessions where feasible and make use of existing local outdoor spaces for physical activities. The programme uses minimal resources, with creative activities designed to incorporate reusable and recycled materials wherever possible. We will also minimise paper use by using digital resources and communications where appropriate. By delivering support within the local community, the project helps strengthen local networks and encourages children to value and engage with the green spaces and community facilities available in Knaresborough. This promotes active lifestyles, increases appreciation of the local environment and contributes to creating healthier, more sustainable communities.
What will be the quality and effectiveness of service provided through the use of this grant	The grant will enable the delivery of a high-quality, structured and evidence-informed mentoring programme designed specifically to improve the confidence, self-esteem and emotional wellbeing of primary-aged children in Knaresborough. The programme will be delivered by experienced, qualified coaches and mentors who have a proven track record of working with children in both educational and community settings. All staff will be appropriately trained, including safeguarding, child protection and behaviour management, ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all participants. Sessions will follow a consistent six-week structure, combining mentoring conversations, physical activity, creative tasks and guided reflection. This blended approach ensures that children are engaged in multiple ways, supporting different learning styles and enabling deeper personal development. The programme is designed to be flexible and responsive to individual needs while maintaining a clear framework of outcomes. Effectiveness will be ensured through continuous monitoring and evaluation. Each participant will complete pre- and post-programme assessments measuring confidence, wellbeing and self-esteem, alongside regular feedback from schools, parents and delivery staff. This will allow us to evidence measurable improvements and adapt delivery where necessary to maximise impact.

	The use of this grant will also strengthen partnership working with local schools, ensuring the programme is embedded within existing pastoral support structures rather than delivered in isolation. This collaborative approach enhances consistency of support and helps ensure that progress made during sessions is reinforced in the school environment. Overall, the programme is designed to deliver meaningful, measurable and lasting outcomes for children, improving emotional resilience, school engagement and overall wellbeing, while contributing to broader community priorities around early intervention and prevention.
If the application is for an annual or recurring local event, please answer the following additional questions: 1. For how many years has the event run 2. Attendance Attendance at last event? Anticipated attendance at planned Event?	NA
Give a summary of the activities your organisation has achieved during the last year. If you are a new organisation please indicate activities you wish to undertake.	Over the past year, our organisation has delivered a wide range of community programmes across Knaresborough and the surrounding area, using the power of sport and mentoring to improve physical health, mental wellbeing and community cohesion for people of all ages. We have continued to deliver our Walking Football sessions in Knaresborough, providing regular opportunities for older adults to remain physically active, improve their wellbeing and reduce social isolation through inclusive community sport. Our MAN v FAT weight loss programme has supported men to improve their physical and mental health through sustainable lifestyle changes. The success of this programme has received national recognition, demonstrating our ability to deliver innovative, high-quality interventions that achieve measurable outcomes. Supporting mental health and tackling loneliness has remained a key priority. Through our Talk of the Town programme, we have created welcoming spaces where local residents can build friendships, access peer support and reduce social isolation, helping to strengthen community connections and improve wellbeing. We have also delivered a wide range of programmes within local nurseries, primary schools and secondary schools, supporting children's physical activity, confidence, emotional

	wellbeing and personal development. Working closely with education providers has enabled us to respond to local need and provide targeted support for children who require additional encouragement to thrive. In partnership with local organisations, we continue to deliver the Premier League Kicks programme in Knaresborough, providing positive activities for young people outside school hours. This collaborative initiative helps reduce anti-social behaviour, promotes positive relationships and offers safe, engaging opportunities for young people to develop new skills and aspirations. In addition, we have continued our work within custodial settings, using sport and mentoring to support rehabilitation, personal development and positive behaviour change. We have also organised and delivered community competitions and events that encourage participation, celebrate achievement and bring local people together. Throughout all of our work, we have remained committed to working collaboratively with schools, community groups and partner organisations to deliver accessible, inclusive and impactful programmes that respond to the needs of local residents. Our experience over the past year demonstrates our ability to deliver high-quality services, build strong community partnerships and create lasting positive outcomes for individuals and the wider Knaresborough community.
Why do you think the Council should support this event/project?	This project represents an investment in the future wellbeing of Knaresborough's children and young people. By providing targeted early intervention for children experiencing low confidence, poor self-esteem or emotional wellbeing challenges, the Council has an opportunity to help address issues before they escalate into more complex needs requiring specialist support. Local schools continue to see increasing demand for pastoral and wellbeing support, and this programme complements the excellent work already taking place by providing additional mentoring that builds confidence, resilience and positive coping strategies. By working alongside schools rather than duplicating existing services, we can help children remain engaged in education, improve their emotional wellbeing and develop the life skills needed to succeed both in school and beyond. The project will create lasting benefits that extend beyond the individual participants. Children who feel more confident, connected and resilient are better equipped to build positive relationships, contribute to their communities and make informed choices as they grow. Over time, this preventative approach has the potential to reduce pressures on education,

	health and other public services while helping to create a stronger, healthier and more connected community. As a local charity, we have established relationships with schools, experienced and qualified delivery staff, and a proven track record of engaging young people through mentoring, sport and creative activities. We understand the needs of our local community and are committed to delivering a programme that is inclusive, evidence-based and responsive to the children we support. Council funding would enable us to provide opportunities that many children may not otherwise be able to access, ensuring that support is available regardless of family circumstances. Together, we can give young people in Knaresborough the confidence, resilience and aspirations they need to reach their potential, strengthening not only individual lives but the wider community for years to come.
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Project/Event planning

Date that you propose to commence the project or hold the event.	September 2027 for the new academic year.
Does the project or event require permission from North Yorkshire Council? If yes, what is the status of your application to them (not yet submitted/submitted not determined/granted)	

Financial Details

Estimated total cost (including any fees)	£2190
Contribution from your funds:	£390
Contribution from other organisations (please specify)	£0
Does the estimated total cost of the project/event include payments in kind, eg free labour/materials etc. If yes, please estimate value of contribution	No

Check List:

Please tick:

I have read and agreed your terms and policies	Yes- Tick
I agree to provide feedback to the Town Council if my application is approved, including publicity	Yes- Tick
I enclose the following documents to support my application: Latest financial accounts Set of rules by which my organisation runs Other supporting information	Yes- Tick

Permissions, if appropriate, from North Yorkshire Council	
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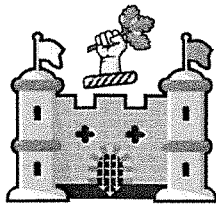
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Signed: Gareth Jones

Name of Signatory- Gareth Jones

Position: Operations Manager

Date: 2nd July 2026.



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(Please ensure you read the accompanying guidance notes and attach all relevant documentation)

Application Summary:

Name of organisation/individual*	Friends of Aspin School (Aspin Park Academy PTA)
Primary Contact regarding application:	Gary Thompson
Address:	Aspin Park Academy Wetherby Road Knaresborough HG5 8LQ
Telephone number:	01423 863920
Email address:	aspinpta@gmail.com
Project/Event title:	Aspin Park Academy Library Renovation – Inclusive Multi-Use Learning Space
Total cost of project:	£30,000
Amount of grant requested from KTC	£4,000
Date of Application	6/7/2026

The Applicant:

What is the main purpose of your organisation?	To raise funds and provide volunteer support that enhance the educational experience, wellbeing and facilities for pupils at Aspin Park Academy while strengthening links between the school and the local community.
How many years has your organisation been in existence?	34 Years
If your organisation run by a Committee? If yes, how many Committee members?	5
If your organisation is a club with membership, please provide the following details: Membership - Number of adult members: Number of junior members: Does your club charge for membership? If yes, please provide details of the membership scheme and charges applicable	No

What activities are available for members?	NA
Can anyone join your organisation or is it by invitation only? If yes, please give details	
Is your club affiliated to any national organisation?	No
Please list any affiliations	
Does your service/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults?	If yes, as a minimum we expect you to: • have safeguarding policies in place that are appropriate to your organisation's work and the project you are asking us to fund • review your safeguarding policies at least every year • complete a rigorous recruitment and selection process for staff and volunteers who work with children, young people or vulnerable adults, including checking criminal records and taking up references • check criminal records at least every three years • follow statutory or best practice guidance on appropriate ratios of staff or volunteers to children, young people or vulnerable adults • provide child protection and health and safety training or guidance for staff and volunteers • carry out a risk assessment, if appropriate • secure extra insurance cover, if appropriate Does your organisation meet these requirements: NA
NO	

The Project/Event/Individual's role:

Brief description of scheme	Friends of Aspin School (PTA) is seeking support towards the £30,000 renovation of the library at Aspin Park Academy. The library space is no longer able to meet the needs of the current school population – the planned renovation will transform the space into a modern, flexible and inclusive environment with dedicated areas for reading, quiet reflection, focused interventions and small-group learning.
What are the aims of the project/event?	The project offers a solution to the current problems with the library space and aims to create a flexible, calming environment that better meets the needs of the growing school population. The existing library space will be reconfigured - new shelving to display books, decorated to make it beautiful, to transform it to an inspiring and soothing area to spend time reading. It will incorporate a range of seating areas to allow for multiple groups of library users/activities to take place simultaneously in the space.
What benefit will the award bring to the Knaresborough Community and number of residents directly benefitting?	Research and reports consistently demonstrate the lifechanging positive impact that school libraries can have on children, teachers, parents and society. Organisations, such as the 'The National Literacy Trust' in their campaign 'Libraries for

	Primaries' highlight the evidence and benefits of school libraries. This project hopes to bring the benefits of a well-functioning school library to the 422 pupils attending Aspin Park Academy. It will also directly benefit the working environment of the teaching and support staff. As the only primary school in the town with two classes in every year group, the improved library will positively impact a significant proportion of Knaresborough's primary-aged children each year and thousands of local children over its lifetime. The benefit of the updated library space will ripple out and extend through the families of the children within the school - in any given year parents/caregivers involved in each pupil's life could be more than 1200 local people. The school already builds in activities to encourage literacy at home, for example; sending home school library books for caregivers to read at bedtime, sending a fun book bag (with themed books and magazines, hot chocolate and the school mascot teddy) and termly visits to the community library in Knaresborough Town centre. Having the school library renovation complete will provide a strong foundation to underpin these types of activities, as well as the physical space within the school where children will be able to immerse themselves in the joy of exploring books. The renovated library will also be a fantastic space in which to support the school's 65 pupils with identified Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) - the renovation includes dedicated spaces for specific interventions such as small group focused learning and emotional regulation. Beyond the school day, Aspin Park Academy is an important community venue, hosting holiday childcare, after-school clubs, PTA activities. The improved library will provide a welcoming and flexible space for visitors, meetings and community activities, further strengthening the school's role as a community hub – and one where more activities promoting literacy will have potential to grow and continue to fuel a lifelong love of reading within the local community.
Does your organisation have the ability to meet new community needs, and if so, how?	Yes. Friends of Aspin School (PTA) works closely with Aspin Park Academy to identify projects that respond to changing educational and community needs. As Knaresborough continues to grow through significant housing developments, demand for school places and community facilities has increased. This project responds directly to that changing need by making significantly better use of an existing shared space without requiring major building works.
What, if any, are the environmental benefits of your project and how will sustainability be addressed from a climate change perspective.	The project refurbishes and enhances an existing school facility rather than creating new buildings, making the best use of existing resources. Durable, high-quality furniture and materials have been selected to maximise lifespan and reduce future

	replacement. The flexible design will allow the space to adapt to changing educational needs for many years, reducing the need for further refurbishment.
What will be the quality and effectiveness of service provided through the use of this grant	The grant will help transform one of the school's busiest shared spaces into a purpose-designed learning environment. During phase one of this project three companies specialising in school library design were invited to put in tenders for the project – accordingly the design from 'Peters Ltd' was selected as the best fit for the need and offering a cost effective and quality solution. The project team is confident that this firm will be able to complete the library renovation to the high specification required.
If the application is for an annual or recurring local event, please answer the following additional questions: 1. For how many years has the event run 2. Attendance Attendance at last event? Anticipated attendance at planned Event?	Not applicable – this application relates to a capital improvement project which should last many years, supporting the school and community.
Give a summary of the activities your organisation has achieved during the last year. If you are a new organisation please indicate activities you wish to undertake.	Friends of Aspin School (PTA) has continued to support Aspin Park Academy through fundraising, volunteer activities and community engagement. During the last year the charity organised 'ColourFest' and 'LaserFest', two major community events on the school site attracting more than 2,000 attendees combined while raising funds for school improvements. The charity has also successfully secured a £20,000 grant from the Waugh Trust, enabling this transformational library project to move towards delivery, while continuing to raise the remaining funds through local fundraising.
Why do you think the Council should support this event/project?	This project provides a practical and cost-effective solution to increasing pressure on the school's facilities by transforming an existing space rather than requiring expensive building works. It will provide a wonderful environment which will function in many ways – including improving literacy and wellbeing - creating a more flexible space for the school population and one that can also benefit community groups using the school outside normal hours. Aspin Park Academy is the largest primary school in Knaresborough, with 422 pupils registered for the next academic year. It educates a significant proportion of the town's primary-aged children and plays an important role within the wider community. The project has already secured £20,000 from the Waugh Trust, demonstrating strong confidence in its educational and community value. Friends of Aspin School (PTA) is continuing to raise the remaining funds, and a £4,000 grant from Knaresborough Town Council would help complete the funding

	package and enable the project to proceed during the summer holidays, ready for pupils in September. This is a very timely project as it falls within The Department of Education and The National Literacy Trusts campaign 'The National Year of Reading'. Helping us complete our project in September 2026 as planned will allow us to celebrate it on the campaigns inspirational platform – children will have a fantastic, dedicated space to 'Go All In' on reading.
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Project/Event planning

Date that you propose to commence the project or hold the event.	August 2026
Does the project or event require permission from North Yorkshire Council? If yes, what is the status of your application to them (not yet submitted/submitted not determined/granted)	No

Financial Details

Estimated total cost (including any fees)	£30,000
Contribution from your funds:	Up to £10,000 from Friends of Aspin School fundraising.
Contribution from other organisations (please specify)	£20,000 from Waugh Trust
Does the estimated total cost of the project/event include payments in kind, eg free labour/materials etc. If yes, please estimate value of contribution	No – 3 commercial quotes have been considered and the best value picked.

Check List:

Please tick:

I have read and agreed your terms and policies	Y
I agree to provide feedback to the Town Council if my application is approved, including publicity	Y
I enclose the following documents to support my application: Latest financial accounts Set of rules by which my organisation runs Other supporting information Permissions, if appropriate, from North Yorkshire Council	Y

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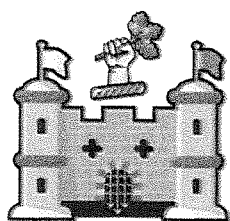
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Signed: *Gary Thompson*

Name of Signatory: Gary Thompson

Position: PTA Member: Fundraising

Date: 03-07-2026



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Application Summary:

Name of organisation/individual*	Mind in Harrogate District
Primary Contact regarding application:	Holly Astbury
Address:	Acorn Centre, 101A Station Parade, Harrogate HG1 1HB
Telephone number:	01423 503335
Email address:	holly@mindinharrogate.org.uk
Project/Event title:	Mental Elf Fun Run
Total cost of project:	£5000
Amount of grant requested from KTC	£2000
Date of Application	08/07/2026

The Applicant:

What is the main purpose of your organisation?	We provide mental health and wellbeing support for the local community. We cover the whole Harrogate District including Boroughbridge, Knaresborough, Masham, Pateley Bridge and Ripon.
How many years has your organisation been in existence?	50 years
If your organisation run by a Committee? If yes, how many Committee members?	We are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Reg no 1151271 We have a Board of Trustees
If your organisation is a club with membership, please provide the following details: Membership -	N/A

What benefit will the award bring to the Knaresborough Community and number of residents directly benefitting?	We propose to have 300 participants, of which (based on the past events) the majority will be local residents. There will likely be people coming to support their family members, as well as volunteers which could take us up to 400 people at the event. Local Participants – for the local participants this creates an enjoyable family friendly activity with other members of the community, encourages being active and promotes the beautiful Knaresborough parks and greenspaces. Participants travelling into Knaresborough – we anticipate some of the runners will be from the surrounding area such as Harrogate and local villages. This will bring potential business to local shops and cafes. We will be actively promoting the use of local cafes after the run, and it will also generate car parking funds. At the 2024 & 2025 event we worked with Hazel Haas from Knaresborough Christmas Market and promoted the Knaresborough festive events within our goody bags and at our registration desk. We will promote any Knaresborough festive activities that participants could take part in after the run (e.g. at Mother Shipton's or the Christmas Tree Festival). We will work with Knaresborough parkrun to marshall the route and this presents a great opportunity to further promote the parkrun experience to the local community.
Does your organisation have the ability to meet new community needs, and if so, how?	Mind in Harrogate District specialises in providing mental health and wellbeing support to adults and children and young people across our district and we are continually adapting and improving our offer to meet new community needs. We provide weekly, dedicated outreach support services in the rural market towns for the rural communities and work with our Route One to Wellness Partnership (The Orb in Knaresborough Claro Enterprises and Wellspring Therapies in Starbeck) to ensure we are meeting the mental health needs of the community. We offer a range of mental health support including telephone support, counselling for adults aged 18+ and young people aged 11 - 18, befriending, wellbeing activities, peer support groups, young person mental health drop in, wellbeing workshops for schools, mental health support in A&E at Harrogate District Hospital, workplace wellbeing support service for local businesses and organisations, Mental Health First Aid training and other bitesize training.

What, if any, are the environmental benefits of your project and how will sustainability be addressed from a climate change perspective.	We hope that by encouraging the benefits of exercise we may encourage more people out in nature. Sustainability is a key concern with planning and as such we have taken the following measures: our Medals are reusable as Christmas decorations and made from wood, our goodie bags will be paper and recyclable, we will have bins on site and carry out a robust litter pick after the event. In addition, there will be no plastic cups, all tickets will via email (not paper), and we will be encouraging public transport to reach the event.
What will be the quality and effectiveness of service provided through the use of this grant	Mental Elf is a proven concept which has been successfully held in Knaresborough for two previous years. We have carried out robust planning via our planning committee and are also working with the event team at the council and the Safety Advisory Group. We are committed to delivering safe, high-quality services and maintaining public trust. This is reflected in: • Achievement of the Mind Quality Mark (MQM) • Registration with the Fundraising Regulator • Recognition as a Mindful Employer Post event we will seek feedback from attendees on their experience, recommendation etc so we can improve year on year.
If the application is for an annual or recurring local event, please answer the following additional questions: 1. For how many years has the event run 2. Attendance Attendance at last event? Anticipated attendance at planned Event?	We ran the event in 2024 and in 2025. The event has grown year on year, with 255 runners in 2024 and around 300 runners in 2025. We expect this growth to continue for the 2026 event and anticipate approximately 350 runners, plus spectators and volunteers
Give a summary of the activities your organisation has achieved during the last year. If you are a new organisation please indicate activities you wish to undertake.	Mind in Harrogate District's vision is that people in Harrogate District have the best possible mental health they can and we aim to achieve this by providing quality community based, accessible services to all people who need support with their mental health and wellbeing. We promote and improve mental health and wellbeing in individuals and communities using a range of activities and services; some of which are designed to act

	preventatively, some enhance recovery and others improve quality of life for people with complex needs. In the last year (1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026) we supported the following people: • 59 people through our befriending service • 194 people through our day service / groups • 126 people through our telephone support service • 92 people through our adults counselling service • 1298 people received support in the emergency department with our mental health support workers • 1398 people received support from our Ukrainian Community Support Worker • 429 people benefitted from our rural wellbeing service either via 121 or one of our community workshops A total of 3596 adults benefitted from our support We also launched our Children and Young People service in April 2025, across the year we supported: • 45 young people accessing 121 counselling • 160 young people attending our drop-in for mental health and wellbeing support • 1833 young people participated in one of our wellbeing workshops in primary or secondary school A total of 2038 children and young people benefited from our support.
Why do you think the Council should support this event/project?	Over 2 million people are waiting for NHS mental health services, and since 2017 the number of young people struggling with their mental health has nearly doubled while only 1 in 3 of young people report receiving support or treatment. We believe that raising awareness of our charity and mental health and wellbeing support will be a huge benefit to our community. Our event also brings visitors to Knaresborough, improves community cohesion, and encourages an active lifestyle. A past participant commented: <i>"The atmosphere was absolutely fantastic with the music, marshals' encouragement and the fun costumes"</i>.

Project/Event planning

Date that you propose to commence the project or hold the event.	Sunday 29 th Nov 2026
Does the project or event require permission from North Yorkshire Council? If yes, what is the status of your application to them (not yet submitted/submitted not determined/granted)	Yes. We have approached North Yorkshire Council and applied for the licence. We have had verbal agreement for the event, however the licence hasn't been posted yet so this can be provided at a later date if required.

Financial Details

Estimated total cost (including any fees)	£5000
Contribution from your funds:	£1650
Contribution from other organisations (please specify)	We have some local businesses sponsoring the events: Harrogate Organics - £750 S&SA Architects - £300 Harmony Energy - £300 Total: £1350.00
Does the estimated total cost of the project/event include payments in kind, eg free labour/materials etc. If yes, please estimate value of contribution	No. We estimate needing 20 volunteers who will be giving 4 hours of their time (including set up/pack down). This would work out as approximately £1000 in kind contribution.

Check List:**Please tick:**

I have read and agreed your terms and policies	YES
I agree to provide feedback to the Town Council if my application is approved, including publicity	YES
I enclose the following documents to support my application: • Latest financial accounts - YES • Set of rules by which my organisation runs - YES • Other supporting information – YES (budget) • Permissions, if appropriate, from North Yorkshire Council – still awaiting but we have verbal permission	

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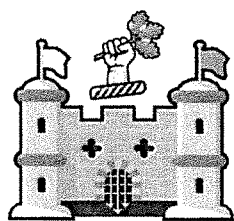
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Signed: *Holly Astbury*

Name of Signatory: Holly Astbury

Position: Head of Workplace Wellbeing

Date: 08/07/2026



Knaresborough

Town Council

KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

(Please ensure you read the accompanying guidance notes and attach all relevant documentation)

Application Summary:

Name of organisation/individual*	Resurrected Bites Community Interest Company
Primary Contact regarding application:	Knaresborough Town Council Knaresborough House High Street Knaresborough North Yorkshire HG5 0HW
Address:	Knaresborough Town Council Knaresborough House High Street Knaresborough North Yorkshire HG5 0HW
Telephone number:	
Email address:	ceo@resurrectedbites.co.uk
Project/Event title:	Resurrected Bites Gracious St cafe
Total cost of project:	25200
Amount of grant requested from KTC	2100
Date of Application	13Jul2026

The Applicant:

What is the main purpose of your organisation?	To utilise food surplus to run pay-as-you-feel cafes & pop-up shops which tackle loneliness, food poverty and food waste.
How many years has your organisation been in existence?	8
If your organisation run by a Committee? If yes, how many Committee members?	4 Directors
If your organisation is a club with membership, please provide the following details: Membership - Number of adult members: Number of junior members: Does your club charge for membership? If yes, please provide details of the membership scheme and charges applicable	N/A

What activities are available for members? Can anyone join your organisation or is it by invitation only? If yes, please give details	Weekly pay-as-you feel café and pop up shop. The café and pop-up shop are open to everyone.
Is your club affiliated to any national organisation? Please list any affiliations	No
Does your service/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults? Yes ☒ ☐	If yes, as a minimum we expect you to: • have safeguarding policies in place that are appropriate to your organisation's work and the project you are asking us to fund • review your safeguarding policies at least every year • complete a rigorous recruitment and selection process for staff and volunteers who work with children, young people or vulnerable adults, including checking criminal records and taking up references • check criminal records at least every three years • follow statutory or best practice guidance on appropriate ratios of staff or volunteers to children, young people or vulnerable adults • provide child protection and health and safety training or guidance for staff and volunteers • carry out a risk assessment, if appropriate • secure extra insurance cover, if appropriate Does your organisation meet these requirements: Yes ☒ We have vulnerable volunteers who are supervised by the organisation they are being supported by e.g. Springwater School & PLC and vulnerable customers but we are not able to do more than a basic DBS as we don't perform any regulated activities.

The Project/Event/Individual's role:

Brief description of scheme	Every Friday, apart from when it is close to Christmas Day or Good Friday, we run a pay-as-you-feel café & pop up shop at Gracious St Methodist Church utilising good-quality food surplus to make affordable nutritious, delicious meals & bring people together in community.
What are the aims of the project/event?	To tackle food waste, loneliness & isolation and food poverty.
What benefit will the award bring to the Knaresborough Community and number of residents directly benefitting?	The award will provide security to keep the café running. Our average costs per café at Gracious St are £481 and the average takings per café over the past 3 months are £321 despite the fact that we regularly exceed 80 covers with 112 covers being served at a café in Nov2025. We have less than 3 months reserves and therefore it is

	important that we apply for grant income to cover the monthly deficit. Many of our vulnerable customers come with their carers for breakfast at 10 and stay for lunch and are not able to donate or make a small donation. This leaves fewer tables for customers who can afford to donate which leaves us with the dilemma of wanting to support vulnerable people to access community and nutritious food but also being able to cover our operational costs. It is increasingly more difficult to find funding for CICs and so we would be very grateful for your support to ensure we can keep the café going at Gracious St as we know the café would be hugely missed and there would be a knock-on impact of loneliness and food poverty.
Does your organisation have the ability to meet new community needs, and if so, how?	We are trying to enrol people with young onset dementia in our volunteering team as many become very lonely & isolated through the loss of their jobs and having a working partner so spend long periods on their own. We have a brilliantly inclusive team as was demonstrated by the Stray Ferret Inclusivity award in 2025.
What, if any, are the environmental benefits of your project and how will sustainability be addressed from a climate change perspective.	Last year, Resurrected Bites as a whole prevented over 71 metric tonnes of good quality food from going to waste. If the food had gone to landfill it would have produced just under 50,000kgCO₂e. We encourage customers to bring containers and we provide recycled containers to take food away at the end of service to minimise the amount of food going to waste. We also pass on food to other local organisations to support their objectives and reduce waste. We educate about food waste in the home and encourage people to shop at our pop-up shop which is full of short-shelf life food. We have locally based food collectors to minimise the fuel expended when volunteers collect from the supermarkets. We avoid giving out bags to encourage people to use their own when shopping.
What will be the quality and effectiveness of service provided through the use of this grant	The grant will give us the security to be able to continue to run our services which are already meeting a huge amount of need and offer great service and quality. We gather feedback from our customers to ensure this. We also need to replace some equipment that has broken and cannot be repaired.
If the application is for an annual or recurring local event, please answer the following additional questions: 1. For how many years has the event run 2. Attendance Attendance at last event? Anticipated attendance at planned Event?	N/A

Give a summary of the activities your organisation has achieved during the last year. If you are a new organisation please indicate activities you wish to undertake.	In the last financial year, 4280 covers were served at our Friday café at Gracious St Methodist Church, Knaresborough. Many of those covers would be people coming for breakfast and lunch so each cover can involve a lot of food! In addition many people come in to just shop at the pop-up shop including many of our grocery service users who get additional food from the pop up shop usually for free. We do not track these numbers but it will be a very significant number of people. Finally our volunteers tell us how much they get out of volunteering at the café. It has helped with their mental health and sense of purpose and has upskilled and given confidence, as well as a sense of community, to many people with learning differences.
Why do you think the Council should support this event/project?	The Knaresborough café is the busiest of our 3 cafes with by far the lowest donations per head and where we meet the most need in terms of food poverty and loneliness. We need support to keep the café going as around 60-100 people would miss it if we were forced to close.

Project/Event planning

Date that you propose to commence the project or hold the event.	Already happening
Does the project or event require permission from North Yorkshire Council? If yes, what is the status of your application to them (not yet submitted/submitted not determined/granted)	No

Financial Details

Estimated total cost (including any fees)	481 per cafe
Contribution from your funds:	321 from customer donations per cafe
Contribution from other organisations (please specify)	None currently
Does the estimated total cost of the project/event include payments in kind, eg free labour/materials etc. If yes, please estimate value of contribution	Value of volunteer labour at basic rate of pay: £1700 per café.

Check List:

Please tick:

I have read and agreed your terms and policies	Y
I agree to provide feedback to the Town Council if my application is approved, including publicity	Y
I enclose the following documents to support my application: Latest financial accounts Set of rules by which my organisation runs Other supporting information	Y

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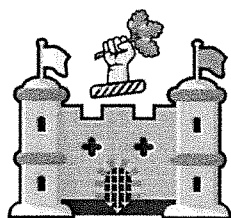
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Signed: Knaresborough Town Council
Knaresborough House
High Street
Knaresborough
North Yorkshire
HG5 0HW

Name of Signatory: Michelle Hayes

Position: CEO

Date: 13Jul2026



Knaresborough

Town Council

KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

(Please ensure you read the accompanying guidance notes and attach all relevant documentation)

Application Summary:

Name of organisation/individual*	Knaresborough Celtic Football Club
Primary Contact regarding application:	Jenny Goody
Address:	Knaresborough Celtic FC Thistle Hill Knaresborough HG5 8LS
Telephone number:	07985407465
Email address:	chairperson@knaresboroughceltic.co.uk
Project/Event title:	Solar Panel Installation
Total cost of project:	£25-£30,000
Amount of grant requested from KTC	£5,000
Date of Application	12/07/2026

The Applicant:

What is the main purpose of your organisation?	Provide grassroots football to children				
How many years has your organisation been in existence?	31				
If your organisation run by a Committee? If yes, how many Committee members?	Management committee. 12				
If your organisation is a club with membership, please provide the following details: Membership - Number of adult members: Number of junior members: Does your club charge for membership? If yes, please provide details of the membership scheme and charges applicable	Adult members 55 Junior members approx. 300 Yes <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Age Group</td><td>2026/27 Upfront / Monthly</td></tr> <tr> <td>U9-U17</td><td>£215 / £230</td></tr> </table>	Age Group	2026/27 Upfront / Monthly	U9-U17	£215 / £230
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What activities are available for members? Can anyone join your organisation or is it by invitation only? If yes, please give details	Football Anyone can join.				
Is your club affiliated to any national organisation? Please list any affiliations	Yes West Riding County Football Association				
Does your service/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults? Yes ☒ No ☐	If yes, as a minimum we expect you to: • have safeguarding policies in place that are appropriate to your organisation's work and the project you are asking us to fund • review your safeguarding policies at least every year • complete a rigorous recruitment and selection process for staff and volunteers who work with children, young people or vulnerable adults, including checking criminal records and taking up references • check criminal records at least every three years • follow statutory or best practice guidance on appropriate ratios of staff or volunteers to children, young people or vulnerable adults • provide child protection and health and safety training or guidance for staff and volunteers • carry out a risk assessment, if appropriate • secure extra insurance cover, if appropriate Does your organisation meet these requirements: Yes ☒ No ☐				

The Project/Event/Individual's role:

Brief description of scheme	Knaresborough Celtic FC is seeking funding to upgrade its home ground facilities at Thistle Hill by installing solar panels and upgrading existing lighting to energy-efficient LED systems. The site currently operates using a generator, and this project will reduce reliance on fuel by introducing renewable energy. The club's overall aim is to transition to a fully electric site, with the long-term ambition of removing the gas boiler, subject to ensuring the most efficient and practical solution is achieved.
What are the aims of the project/event?	The primary aims of the project are to: • Introduce renewable energy through the installation of solar panels. • Reduce reliance on generator fuel, lowering costs and carbon emissions.

	• Upgrade lighting to LED to improve energy efficiency and visibility. • Work towards a fully electric site, with the ambition of removing the gas boiler where this is efficient and viable. • Enhance the overall quality and sustainability of the club's facilities.
What benefit will the award bring to the Knaresborough Community and number of residents directly benefitting?	The award will benefit over 300 registered players and their families, as well as visiting teams and members of the wider community who use the facilities. Improved lighting will enhance safety and usability, particularly during darker months, while the introduction of solar energy will help secure the long-term sustainability of the site. The project supports continued access to affordable grassroots sport and strengthens community engagement.
Does your organisation have the ability to meet new community needs, and if so, how?	Yes. Knaresborough Celtic FC has an established committee and a strong track record of delivering projects, events, and ongoing football provision. The club continues to grow and adapt, including expanding participation opportunities and reintroducing girls' football. By investing in sustainable infrastructure, the club is proactively ensuring it can meet future community needs in a responsible and forward-thinking way.
What, if any, are the environmental benefits of your project and how will sustainability be addressed from a climate change perspective.	The installation of solar panels will provide a renewable energy source, reducing reliance on fossil fuels used by the generator and lowering the club's carbon footprint. Upgrading to LED lighting will further reduce energy consumption and improve efficiency. The long-term ambition to remove the gas boiler supports a transition away from fossil fuels, balanced against ensuring the most efficient and sustainable solution is implemented. Together, these measures promote cleaner energy use and long-term environmental responsibility.
What will be the quality and effectiveness of service provided through the use of this grant	The grant will enable the club to deliver a more reliable, efficient, and environmentally sustainable facility. Improved lighting will enhance playing conditions and safety, while solar energy will help ensure consistent power for essential services. Reduced running costs will allow more funds to be directed towards supporting players and community activities, increasing the overall effectiveness of the club's provision.
If the application is for an annual or recurring local event, please answer the following additional questions: 1. For how many years has the event run 2. Attendance Attendance at last event? Anticipated attendance at planned Event?	Not applicable - this application relates to a facility improvement project.
Give a summary of the activities your organisation has achieved during the last year. If you are a new organisation	Over the past year, Knaresborough Celtic FC has supported over 300 children and young people through regular training sessions, matches, and development

please indicate activities you wish to undertake.	opportunities. The club has delivered community events, strengthened its volunteer structure, and expanded participation, including the reintroduction of girls' football. Fundraising and community engagement activities have also helped to support ongoing improvements to the club.
Why do you think the Council should support this event/project?	This project delivers clear environmental, community, and financial benefits. It supports the Council's sustainability objectives by reducing carbon emissions and promoting renewable energy. It also ensures the long-term viability of a key community asset that provides inclusive sporting opportunities for hundreds of local residents. As a not-for-profit organisation, all investment is reinvested into the community, making this a high-impact and sustainable use of funding.

Project/Event planning

Date that you propose to commence the project or hold the event.	We hope to start this project towards the end of summer, start of Autumn. Awaiting finalised quotes.
Does the project or event require permission from North Yorkshire Council? If yes, what is the status of your application to them (not yet submitted/submitted not determined/granted)	No

Financial Details

Estimated total cost (including any fees)	£25-£30,000
Contribution from your funds:	The remaining balance after Football Foundation quote
Contribution from other organisations (please specify)	Nothing is confirmed until we have firm quotes and an approved application with the Football Foundation but we'd be looking at 75% of the total cost or £25,000 whichever is lower
Does the estimated total cost of the project/event include payments in kind, eg free labour/materials etc. If yes, please estimate value of contribution	No

Check List:

Please tick:

I have read and agreed your terms and policies	Yes
I agree to provide feedback to the Town Council if my application is approved, including publicity	Yes
I enclose the following documents to support my application: Latest financial accounts Set of rules by which my organisation runs Other supporting information Permissions, if appropriate, from North Yorkshire Council	Yes

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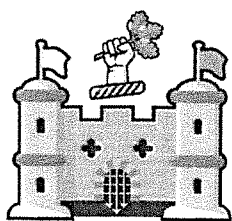
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Signed: *Jenny Goody*

Name of Signatory Jenny Goody

Position: Club Chairperson

Date: 12 July 2026



Knaresborough

Town Council

KNARESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

(Please ensure you read the accompanying guidance notes and attach all relevant documentation)

Application Summary:

Name of organisation/individual*	Friends of Meadowside Academy
Primary Contact regarding	Gemma Young
Address:	Meadowside Academy Halfpenny Lane Knaresborough HG5 0SL
Telephone number:	Knaresborough Town Council Knaresborough House High Street Knaresborough North Yorkshire HG5 0HW
Email address:	info@fomeadowside.org
Project/Event title:	Keeping Every Child Active – Meadowside School
Total cost of project:	£1732.50
Amount of grant requested from KTC	£1732.50
Date of Application	10/07/26

The Applicant:

What is the main purpose of your organisation?	Meadowside Academy aims to nurture confident, happy, and respectful learners through a creative and inclusive curriculum. The school is committed to helping every child flourish academically, socially, and emotionally by providing inspiring learning experiences, promoting wellbeing, and fostering a strong sense of community and belonging.
How many years has your organisation been in existence?	Meadowside Academy has been in existence since July 2017 (9 years) following its conversion to academy status. The school itself has served the Knaresborough community for many years as the successor to Meadowside Community Primary School, providing high-quality education for local children and families.
If your organisation run by a Committee? If yes, how many Committee members?	Yes. Meadowside Academy is supported by Friends of Meadowside (FOM) , an active Parent Teacher Association (PTA) that works in partnership with the school to raise funds and enhance opportunities for

	pupils. The committee consists of 12 volunteer committee members, including a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and nine committee members, supported by a wider network of parents, grandparents and volunteers who assist with fundraising events throughout the year. FOM plays an important role in supporting school projects, strengthening links between home and school, and engaging with the wider Knaresborough community through events such as the Great Knaresborough Bed Race.
If your organisation is a club with membership, please provide the following details: Membership - Number of adult members: Number of junior members: Does your club charge for membership? If yes, please provide details of the membership scheme and charges applicable	n/a
What activities are available for members? Can anyone join your organisation or is it by invitation only? If yes, please give details	n/a
Is your club affiliated to any national organisation? Please list any affiliations	Yes. Meadowside Academy is part of Elevate Multi Academy Trust, a charitable multi-academy trust that provides strategic leadership, governance, professional development and school improvement across a network of primary schools in North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire. Being part of Elevate Multi Academy Trust enables Meadowside Academy to collaborate with partner schools, share best practice, access specialist expertise and deliver high-quality education and enrichment opportunities for pupils across the Trust.
Does your service/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults?	Yes. The project will provide sports coaching for children aged 4-11 attending Meadowside Primary School. The programme will work with all year groups and will include targeted support for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), as well as a Sports Leadership programme for Year 6 pupils. Does your organisation meet these requirements: Yes ☐ No ☐

Yes ☐	No ☐
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The Project/Event/Individual's role:

Brief description of scheme	Meadowside Primary School is seeking funding to retain its specialist football coach, James Lofthouse, following the withdrawal of the Government's PE and Sport Premium funding. The grant will fund two half terms (11 weeks) of specialist coaching at a total cost of £1,732.50 (£157.50 per week). James delivers high-quality football coaching to every year group across the school, ensuring all pupils receive engaging, inclusive and professionally delivered physical education. Alongside whole-class sessions, he will lead a Sports Leadership programme for a group of Year 6 pupils. These pupils will gain recognised leadership skills before delivering active lunchtime sessions for younger children, increasing opportunities for participation across the school. The programme promotes physical activity, confidence, teamwork, resilience and positive mental wellbeing while supporting pupils of all abilities, including those with SEND. At Meadowside, approximately 5.2% of pupils have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and a further 22.5% receive SEN Support, significantly above national averages. Many pupils benefit from structured physical activity to support emotional regulation, confidence and engagement with learning.
What are the aims of the project/event?	The project aims to ensure every child at Meadowside continues to benefit from high-quality specialist sports coaching despite the loss of national PE funding. Specifically, the programme will: • Deliver weekly football coaching for all year groups. • Increase children's physical activity levels and improve physical fitness. • Develop fundamental movement skills including agility, balance, coordination, speed, strength and teamwork.

	• Improve pupils' confidence, resilience, self-esteem and emotional wellbeing through regular physical activity. • Provide inclusive sporting opportunities that enable children with SEND to participate fully and successfully. • Develop leadership, communication and organisational skills through a Year 6 Sports Leaders programme. • Support concentration, focus, and emotional regulation in the classroom. • Encourage lifelong participation in physical activity and healthy lifestyles. • Enhance lunchtime provision by enabling Sports Leaders to organise activities for younger pupils. • Promote positive social interactions and a sense of belonging. • Support school staff through high-quality coaching and modelling of effective PE practice – great CPD opportunity
What benefit will the award bring to the Knaresborough Community and number of residents directly benefitting?	The grant will directly benefit all pupils attending Meadowside Primary School by ensuring continued access to specialist sports coaching. The programme will also positively impact families by encouraging healthier lifestyles and increasing children's enjoyment of physical activity beyond school. The Sports Leadership programme will develop responsible young leaders who contribute positively to the wider school community by leading lunchtime activities and acting as positive role models. Children who are physically active are more likely to develop healthy habits that continue into adulthood, contributing to improved long-term health outcomes for the local community.
Does your organisation have the ability to meet new community needs, and if so, how?	Yes. Meadowside has a strong track record of adapting provision to meet the changing needs of its pupils. As an inclusive school, we support significantly higher-than-average numbers of children with SEND and tailor learning experiences to ensure all pupils can participate fully. Following the planned for removal of Government PE and Sport Premium funding, external financial support is now essential to maintain the same high standard of sports provision. Funding from the

	Council will allow us to continue delivering specialist coaching without reducing opportunities for children. The project also builds sustainability through the Sports Leadership programme, enabling Year 6 pupils to organise and deliver activities for younger children, creating additional opportunities for physical activity throughout the school day.
What, if any, are the environmental benefits of your project and how will sustainability be addressed from a climate change perspective.	The project makes use of existing school facilities and outdoor spaces, requiring no new buildings or infrastructure. Sessions take place on the school site, reducing travel requirements for pupils and families. Equipment is reused year after year and the programme encourages outdoor learning and appreciation of green spaces. By embedding healthy, active lifestyles into children's daily routines, the project supports long-term sustainable wellbeing while making effective use of existing community resources.
What will be the quality and effectiveness of service provided through the use of this grant	Funding will enable Meadowside to continue providing high-quality specialist coaching delivered by an experienced football coach. The programme will: • Deliver structured, progressive football coaching to every year group. • Increase participation in physical activity for all pupils. • Improve children's confidence, teamwork and resilience. • Support pupils' physical and mental wellbeing. • Provide inclusive opportunities for children with SEND through differentiated activities. • Develop future young leaders through the Year 6 Sports Leadership programme. • Enhance staff knowledge through observation and shared good practice. The impact of the programme is already evident through overwhelmingly positive pupil feedback. One pupil wrote: <i>"I didn't really like football at first, until Mr Lofthouse taught me and now, I love it!"</i>

	Other comments include: • <i>"I really want Mr Lofthouse to come back to teach us football"</i> • <i>"Thank you for putting all your effort and time into coming into school to teach our football lessons."</i> • <i>"You taught me so many tricks in football."</i> • <i>"I have found a new interest in football after Mr Lofthouse taught me it."</i> • <i>"I'm so excited for him to come back next year!"</i> These comments demonstrate the positive impact the coaching has on pupils' confidence, enjoyment and engagement.
If the application is for an annual or recurring local event, please answer the following additional questions: 1. For how many years has the event run 2. Attendance Attendance at last event? Anticipated attendance at planned Event?	This is an ongoing school sports programme that has been delivered successfully over recent academic years through Government PE and Sport Premium funding. The programme is delivered during the school day and reaches all pupils across every year group. All pupils at Meadowside Primary School will continue to participate in weekly sessions, with additional Year 6 pupils taking part in the Sports Leadership programme.
Give a summary of the activities your organisation has achieved during the last year. If you are a new organisation please indicate activities you wish to undertake.	Over the past year Meadowside has continued to provide an inclusive education that supports pupils academically, socially and emotionally. The school has successfully delivered specialist football coaching across all year groups, increased opportunities for physical activity and promoted positive wellbeing through sport. Pupils have developed new sporting skills, improved confidence and teamwork, and shown increased enthusiasm for participating in physical activity. The school continues to provide high levels of support for pupils with SEND, ensuring children can access the curriculum and wider school life through targeted interventions and inclusive practice.
Why do you think the Council should support this event/project?	The removal of the Government's PE and Sport Premium has created a significant funding gap that threatens access to specialist sports provision for our pupils, and football is a universal language amongst our children!

	This grant would ensure children do not lose opportunities that have become an important part of school life. The programme promotes healthier lifestyles, improves mental wellbeing, develops confidence and resilience, and supports inclusion for children with additional needs. Research consistently shows that physically active children achieve better outcomes both academically and emotionally. The NHS recommends that children and young people should be physically active for an average of at least 60 minutes every day, while regular activity has been shown to improve concentration, reduce anxiety and strengthen emotional wellbeing. With over 27% of Meadowside pupils receiving SEND support or holding an EHCP, maintaining high-quality, inclusive sports provision is particularly important. Physical activity provides many pupils with opportunities to regulate emotions, build friendships, develop confidence and experience success beyond the classroom. By supporting this project, the Council will be investing in the health, wellbeing and future life opportunities of local children while helping ensure that every pupil - regardless of background or ability - continues to have access to high-quality sport and physical activity. Furthermore, Sports Leaders will – with your support - contribute to a positive sporting culture across the school and encourage greater participation in physical activity.
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Project/Event planning

Date that you propose to commence the project or hold the event.	Spring 2027
Does the project or event require permission from North Yorkshire Council? If yes, what is the status of your application to them (not yet submitted/submitted not determined/granted)	No

Financial Details

Estimated total cost (including any fees)	£1732.50
Contribution from your funds:	

Contribution from other organisations (please specify)	
Does the estimated total cost of the project/event include payments in kind, eg free labour/materials etc. If yes, please estimate value of contribution	

Check List:

Please tick:

I have read and agreed your terms and policies	✓
I agree to provide feedback to the Town Council if my application is approved, including publicity	✓
I enclose the following documents to support my application: Latest financial accounts Set of rules by which my organisation runs Other supporting information Permissions, if appropriate, from North Yorkshire Council	✓

*** Applications will be considered from individuals looking to improve their specific skills in support of their contribution to the voluntary sector in Knaresborough.**

Declaration:

I hereby declare that I have the authority to submit this application on behalf of the organisation or individual detailed above and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information given on this application form, and in any supporting material, is correct. I understand that you may request additional information at any stage of the application process.

Signed: G Young

Name of Signatory: Gemma Young

Position: Friends of Meadowside (PTA) Volunteer Member

Date: 10/07/26