

# Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

## Grant Application Form - Part A - for committee review

Please ensure you also fill in Part B and send it in with this form to enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk

### A1. Your organisation.

Name of the organisation  
requesting the grant:

The Friends of Abingdon Civic Society – charity no 1183397

State briefly the purpose/objectives of the organisation:

One of our objectives is “To help make Abingdon a great place to live, work or visit; to foster civic pride and promote the civic life, heritage and environment of the town.”

One of the ways in which we deliver that is by running (in conjunction with other groups such as AAAHS) Heritage Weekend which is linked with the national Heritage Open Days scheme.

### A2. Your grant request.

Describe the project for which the grant is needed.

Heritage Open Days 2022 -See attached for details

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| What is the total cost of the project?                            | £ 1575  |
| How much grant are you seeking?                                   | £ 1250  |
| What percentage of the total cost are you seeking via this grant? | 80 %  |
| How will you be raising the rest of the money for the project?    | From our own funds  |
| Show roughly how the costs of the project are broken down.        | <b>Exhibition costs:</b> £625<br>Includes venue and equipment hire; printing of display materials (including some specialist printing); obtaining permissions, licences etc.<br><b>Publicity and printing:</b> £950 |

What fund-raising have you undertaken for this project or others in the past 2 years?

We have been successful in getting Town Council grants in previous years for Heritage Open Days and for the Community FreeSpace. This year we have also had grants from the Town Council and (hopefully) the Vale for the production of new walks leaflets. In 2021 we also got sponsorship from the Co-op for Heritage Open Days. We usually raise a small amount from cash donations at the event. Otherwise our only income as a Society is from our membership

### A3. Local benefit.

How many people take part in your organisation's activities? Give local branch numbers if you are a national organisation.

a. as members

257

b. as recipients

See below

Please fill in the table below relating to numbers of members and/or recipients falling into each category. Estimates are acceptable provided an "e" is put after the figure.

| age profile      | 0-16   | 16-65                 | over 65                                       |
|------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| members          |  | 157 (e)               | 130 (e)                                       |
| recipients       | Not known – Heritage Open Days are free. They attract all ages, and a great many non-members. Some activities are specifically aimed at children |                       |   |
| gender profile   | male   | female                |   |
| members          | Not asked  |                       |   |
| recipients       | Not known – assume proportionate to the town's population.   |                       |   |
| local connection | town resident  | attend school in town | neither resident nor attending school in town |
| members          | 230 (e)  | 0                     | 27 (e)  |
| recipients       | Mainly local   |                       | A few visitors                                |

### A4. Other/previous grant awards.

| Please list below any grant awards from this council, other councils and large organisations made in the past three years.   | Please list any grant applications to other councils or bodies on which you are awaiting the result. |
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| <p><i>For Heritage Open Days:</i><br/>                     2019 £9000 (NLHF) and £900 (ATC)<br/>                     2020 £800 (*£413 unspent because of scaled-back event and repaid to TC)<br/>                     2021 £900 (ATC)</p> <p><i>For new walks leaflets</i><br/>                     2022 £1500 (ATC)</p> | <p>£500 from VWHDC</p>   |

**A5. Further detail about your organisation:** Please provide your last set of accounts and the most recent bank statement.

How is your organisation run?

The Society is managed on behalf of its members by a Committee comprising 6 Trustees and 3 other members. The Trustees are elected each year at the AGM

What is the balance in the club account on the most recent bank statement?

£12,245.84

How much do you charge your members or attendees in subscriptions/fees and how much does this raise each year?

£ 10 single, (£5 under 30) £16 joint  
 £ 1000 approx per annum