



Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Community grant application form - part A

Please ensure you complete all of this form and Part B and send:

- ✓ forms A and B
- ✓ your organisation's last set of accounts
- ✓ the most recent bank statement

to enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk.

1. About your organisation

Name of the organisation requesting the grant

Albert Memorial (Abingdon) Trust ("the Trust")

Please state briefly what the purpose of your organisation is

The Trust was established in 1999 with the objective "to preserve and administer" the Albert Memorial.

2. Your grant request

Please describe the project for which the grant is needed.

The grant is required to fund repair works to the Memorial.

The Trust is seeking funds held by the Town Council in relation to the Abingdon Joint Environmental Trust.

What is the total cost of the project

£36,012

How much grant are you seeking

£3,000 (in addition to £5,000 previously awarded)

What percentage of the total cost of your project are you seeking via this grant

If this grant is awarded then the percentage will be 22%

How do you plan to raise the rest of the money for your project

The Trust comprises Abingdon Town Council, Christ's Hospital of Abingdon and the Vale of White Horse District Council. These bodies (the settlors) have through the Trust accumulated sums through the years to assist with funding the works.

Please show roughly how the costs of the project are broken down

Works per tender	£25,010
VAT on the works	£5,002
Professional fees – architect	£5,000
VAT on fees	£1,000
Total	£36,012

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

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3. Local benefit.

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

As members	Six (two representatives from each of bodies which comprise the Trust)
As recipients	The Albert Park, within which the memorial is situated, is available for the recreation of all local residents

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 - these are the Trustees appointed by the two councils and Christ's Hospital of Abingdon	0	4	2
Recipients	The Park is open to all residents and		

	is used by all age groups		
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Gender profile	Male	Female
Members - these are the Trustees appointed by the two councils and Christ's Hospital of Abingdon	5	1
Recipients	The Park is open to all residents and is used by all genders	

Local connection	Town resident	Attend education in town	Neither resident nor attending education in town
Members - these are the Trustees appointed by the two councils and Christ's Hospital of Abingdon	6	0	0
Recipients	The Park is open to all residents and is also used by visitors		

4. Vision and objectives

Please explain how your project will meet the town councils vision and objectives, which are set out below. **You do not need to respond to each point** but it is important that your project addresses the town council's vision and at least one objectives.

4a. Vision

To develop an inclusive community so that Abingdon is the place where everyone wants to live and where the wellbeing of residents is prioritised. In developing this community, the town will be one which is environmentally sustainable, vibrant, resilient and safe.

The grant supports the vision that Abingdon is the place where everyone wants to live by ensuring that a key landmark of the town is preserved and continues to be safe, supporting the associated objective agreed by the District and Town Councils in relation to the JET funds: “to enable Abingdon Town Council to fund environmental improvement schemes which will enhance and sustain the vibrant market town.”

4b. Objectives

1. To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency

The works will be conducted in a manner which minimises the carbon footprint of the works – in particular Lime Mortar will be used which is less carbon-intensive than more modern techniques.

2. To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future

A key part of developing a resilient, sustainable town is ensuring that the historic fabric of the town is retained for the benefit and enjoyment of residents

3. To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future

The Trust was established to ensure that the Albert Memorial would not fall into disrepair as it did in the 1990s. By undertaking periodic works to ensure the memorial remains in a good state of repair, the costs of much more expensive works at a later date, are avoided. The costs of such works would fall on the Town Council together with the two other settlers. So this grant application can be seen as “a stitch-in-time”

4. To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity

The Memorial is an historic landmark and as such its conservation does not impact on this objective. Nonetheless the memorial is an important part of a park which is used as an area of recreation by many people (of all ages). It is particularly important for those who do not have the benefit of their own gardens and to the younger residents who are able to meet their friends in a safe location.

5. Other/previous grant awards

Please provide details of any grant awards you have received from the town council, other councils or large organisations that you have received in the past three years

Previously awarded grant by the Town Council administering JET funds – January 2020 £5,000 (to drawdown when works commence)

Please list any grant applications to other councils or bodies which are currently pending

None

6. About your organisation

Please explain what structure your organisation has, i.e. is it a charity, a society, or another type of model

Charitable Trust

What is the balance of your main account according to the most recent bank statement?

£30,300.03 (note there are creditors of £1,343.00 thus reducing the available balance to £28,957.03)

Additional financial information

Does your organisation have any other finances held in other accounts?

No

If so, please provide full details of all your additional finances, including recent figures.

Not applicable

If these funds are earmarked for any specific projects, please provide further information about this.

Not applicable