



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

Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue

Please state briefly what the purpose of your organisation is

To rescue, care for and rehabilitate sick, injured and orphaned UK wildlife in Oxfordshire and Berkshire.

2. Your grant request

Please describe the project for which the grant is needed.

We are in need of a weatherproof storage shed for:

- Animal food supplies
- Stock for sale at fundraising events
- Equipment e.g. events gazebo, rescue dinghy, hi-viz jackets for animal rescues
- Cages and animal carriers not currently in use.

Until recently we were using a shed on the land we rent. However, this is in poor condition and has allowed ingress of both rain and rats, causing the charity to suffer significant financial loss of stock and equipment. Moreover our landlord now wants to charge us £200 per month for this clearly unsuitable facility,

What is the total cost of the project	£1,355.98
How much grant are you seeking	£1,055.98
What percentage of the total cost of your project are you seeking via this grant	78%
How do you plan to raise the rest of the money for your project	We will rely on the hard work of our wonderful volunteers under the direction of our Founder (who has expertise in the construction industry) to erect the shed
Please show roughly how the costs of the project are broken down	£819.99 (shed) £235.99 (floor kit) £300.00 (labour to erect the shed)
What fund-raising have you undertaken for this project or others in the past 2 years	<p>We have not specifically fund-raised for this project. However we are always undertaking fundraising activities to support our day-to-day work with animals including our animal ambulance service.</p> <p>Our fundraising activities include having a stall at many local fetes and carnivals and fundraising via our very active social media presence. We have an Amazon wishlist, Paypal birthday giving and donations from Easyfundrasing (an online shopping portal which donates a small percentage of the buyer's spend.</p> <p>We are now applying to local councils, in whose area we rescue wildlife, for grants to bring our equipment and facilities up to the required standard.</p>

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	75
	As recipients	N/A (recipients are animals)

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	We are not allowed by our landlord to have volunteers under the age of 18 on the premises	70	5

- Recipients	N/a	N/a	N/a
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Gender profile	Male	Female	Non-binary
- Members	10	64	1
- Recipients	N/a	N/a	N/a

Local connection	Town resident	Attend education in town	Neither resident nor attending education in town
- Members	2	N/a	73
- Recipients	N/a	N/a	N/a

Local connection	Abingdon town
Animals rescued in Abingdon Town Council area in 2022 Include the following species: Bat, blackbird, peregrine falcon, dove, finch, fox, goose, hedgehog, pigeon, robin, sparrow, swift, wood pigeon, wren	76

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.

One of the key aspects of Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue's mission is the emphasis we place on rehabilitation of any wildlife we take in. We work hard to ensure that all animals have a diet that is as close to its natural diet as possible. We screen impressionable animals from both voice and visual contact with human beings as far as possible. When animals approach readiness for release we put them into outside enclosures, completely away from humans and with plenty of space to spread their wings and build up their muscles so that they are fully fit.

All of this means that, when we do release an animal, either back to its point of origin (or to a safe nearby location if the point of origin is not suitable), the animal has the best possible chance of resuming a normal life in the wild and returning to the environment and eco-system to which it belongs

4b. Objectives

1. To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency

Wildlife is an essential part of the eco-system in which we humans live.

Wildlife is under huge pressures and threats. According to WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) "the UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world and despite nature struggling against all odds to survive, more than one in seven native species face extinction and more than 40% are in decline".

Every animal that we can return to its natural environment helps, even if just a little, towards restoring the damage done to the UK's wildlife populations and consequently contributes positively to the environment we all share.

In 2022 we rescued 76 wild creatures from the Abingdon Town Council area. These included many varieties of garden bird, birds of prey including peregrine falcon, fox, bat and hedgehog

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

Having wildlife around us is important for the development and education of our children, both in terms of educating them about the world we live in and enriching their lives.

Who remembers the joy of spotting frogs and tadpoles in a pond or watching birds from their bedroom window? OWR wants to preserve wildlife so that future generations can enjoy and care for it.

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

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

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

East Ilsley Parish Council	£200	Towards a shed/cladding
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Please list any grant applications to other councils or bodies which are currently pending

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6. About your organisation

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

Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue is a registered charity (no 1194050)
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What is the balance of your main account according to the most recent bank statement?

Cooperative Bank balance as at 2 May 2023: With the following payments due: Effective balance: £
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Additional financial information

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

Yes. We are in transition between bank accounts, hence we also have a Lloyds account
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If so, please provide full details of all your additional finances, including recent figures.

Lloyds Bank balance as at 2 May 2023

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

N/A
