



## 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

We do not have official accounts, as we are run by volunteers. A list of income and expenditure is available upon request.

- the most recent bank statement

I have included a statement of our current account and an overview of our current and savings accounts.

to [enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk).

## 1. About your organisation

**Name of the organisation requesting the grant**

Abingdon Church Twinning Committee

**Please state briefly what the purpose of your organisation is**

Fostering good relationships and friendships between Christians in Abingdon and Christians in Argentan, Sint-Niklaas, Lucca, Schongau and Colmar, which are Abingdon's twin towns. Demonstrating the community projects that the churches in these cities are involved with, so that we can learn from each other, and be of help to the people who live in our towns.

## 2. Your grant request

Please describe the project for which the grant is needed.

Offering hospitality to Christians from all five twinning towns to join us for a viewing of the Abingdon Passion Play in June 2024.

What is the total cost of the project

£ 1030

How much grant are you seeking

£ 300

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

Approx. 30%

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

Grants, fundraising and donations

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

Donation to Abingdon Passion Play (£200); lunch offered by Church Twinning to 15 guests (£20 x 15 = £300); dinner offered by Church Twinning to 15 guests (£30 x 15 = £450); trees to offset travelling emissions (£80)

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

Barn dance, raffle, requesting contributions from the churches in Abingdon, contributions from the people from Abingdon who are visiting our twin towns, voluntary donations

## 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

15

As recipients

Group of 15 visitors from 5 twin towns

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		3	12
- Recipients		8	7

Gender profile	Male	Female
- Members	3	12
- Recipients	7	8

Local connection	Town resident	Attend education in town	Neither resident nor attending education in town
- Members	15		
- Recipients			15

## 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.**

Learning from people Abingdon's twin towns on how to look after our people and our environment from a Christian perspective, and how we can implement projects with the involvement of our own churches in Abingdon.

### 4b. Objectives

1. **To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency**

Through our Christian commitment to stewardship of our environment.

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

Through our Christian commitment to the health and wellbeing of our fellow human beings.

3. **To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the**

Through sustainable projects that require a minimum of resources.

**needs of the community now and in the future**

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

Through our work as churches in Abingdon.

## 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**

£100 from Churches in Abingdon in 2021, 2022 and 2023  
£250 from Town Council in 2022; £100 in 2021; £150 in 2020

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

## 6. About your organisation

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

We are a group of like-minded Christians from various churches in Abingdon, who want to promote better understanding and forge friendships and with Christians in Abingdon's twin towns.

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

£1773.55  
(£3.55 in current account, £1770 in savings account)

### 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.**

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