



## Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

# Community grant application form - part A

Please ensure you complete all of this form and Part B and send the following information to [enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk):

- forms A and B, completed in full
- your organisation's last set of accounts
- the most recent bank statement for your organisation, which should match the payment information on form B

## 1. About your organisation

Name of the organisation requesting the grant

Abingdon and District Model Railway Club

Please state briefly what the purpose of your organisation is

To give people of all ages, sexes and abilities the opportunity to learn about Railways both historical and modern through modelling

## 2. Your grant request

Please describe the project for which the grant is needed.

To replace and upgrade the main disabled access ramp to the Clubhouse and to install a defibrillator on the club site.

What is the total cost of the project

£2,711.00, plus labour to build the ramp and install the defibrillator

How much grant are you seeking

£2,170.00

All labour is voluntary and provided by ADMRC members Training on the defibrillator will be delivered by a member who is first aid qualified.

<b>What percentage of the total cost of your project are you seeking via this grant</b>	<b>80% if possible</b>
<b>How do you plan to raise the rest of the money for your project</b>	<b>Through Club Subscriptions and exhibitions of our work</b>
<b>Please show roughly how the costs of the project are broken down</b>	<b>Defibrillator pack £1,728.00 Materials for the replacement disabled access ramp £982.36</b>
<b>What fund-raising have you undertaken for this project or others in the past 2 years</b>	<b>Members Subscriptions and Model Railway Shows</b>

### 3. Local benefit

<b>How many people take part in your organisation’s activities? Give local branch numbers if you are a national organisation.</b>	<b>As members</b>	<b>Up to 40</b>
	<b>As recipients</b>	<b>Approximately 3000 attended our last exhibition at the Abingdon &amp; Witney college</b>

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.

<b>Age profile</b>	<b>8-16</b>	<b>16-65</b>	<b>over 65</b>
- Members	7	20	13
- Recipients	600e	1400e	1000e

<b>Gender profile</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
- Members	37	3
- Recipients	70%e	30%e

<b>Local connection</b>	<b>Town resident</b>	<b>Attend education in town</b>	<b>Neither resident nor attending education in town</b>
- Members	6	0	34
- Recipients	We do not collect this data as many tickets are sold on the day. There appeared to be many local families and young people attending, with also a mix of railway enthusiasts who travelled from further away. Exhibitors also took over 100 hotel rooms for the whole weekend in Abingdon, bringing good revenue to the town.		

## 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 objective.

### 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.**

ADMRC is a long established charitable organisation and has served the people of Abingdon for 50 years. Model railways by their nature attract an above average cohort of members with autism and other learning disabilities, and so providing disabled access and a welcoming, supporting environment is a cornerstone of the ongoing success of the club.

*“since joining ADMRC Joe has been made to feel welcome and that he could contribute to the club. He has been able to participate for the first time in running a layout at your show, and is growing in confidence in every visit. The Club has also allowed him attend flexibly with a parent and personal assistant as needed.”*

(parent of member since November 2023)

### 4b. Objectives

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

n/a

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

We hope ADMRC continues for many years into the future providing access to an interesting hobby to all members, as well as providing friendship and a meeting place for many older local people.

The defibrillator will be installed so that it is accessible for not only members of ADMRC but also for the c.20 employees of another local company, FS Makenzie who share the site.

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

ADMRC has not replaced any ramps for around 20 years, and the timber etc sourced for the new ramps should ensure they are in place for at least the next 15 years to come.

4. **To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and**

As above ADMRC provides a great space for members to meet regularly, in both daytimes and some evenings to work on their hobby and to chat with friends.

**to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity**

ADMRC has recently started a new sub-group for younger members and those with disabilities to have a go at modelling a layout from scratch, free of the usual anxiety of “not doing it well enough”. This is a group which will provide friendship and a fun activity on a Friday evening, building not only modelling but social skills for all those involved.

## 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**

None

**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**

Registered Charity

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

Current Account: £7899.80

### Additional financial information

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

Business Premium (savings account)

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

£8255.47

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

To host the annual ADMRC show in early March requires around £16,000 in working capital as all hotel bookings, insurance, rental of the college site and fees for key layouts to attend all have to be paid in advance.

## 7. Reporting back on your grant

Organisations receiving a grant from the town council are required to provide a written report on their event or project within twelve months of the award date. The report should detail how the funds were spent and how residents of Abingdon are benefitting. The report may be included in any town council publicity, including the website or the Town Crier magazine.

### **Declaration**

**I declare that the information given in this grant application, both parts A and B, is complete and accurate and that no relevant information has been omitted.**

**I agree that the organisation receiving the grant will report back to the town council within 12 months of the award of this grant on how it has been used.**

<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Name</b>	William Marnane
<b>Position with organisation</b>	Chairman
<b>Date</b>	