



**MAIN GRANTS PROGRAMME**  
(for applications to a maximum value of £2,500)  
**APPLICATION FORM**

Name of organisation	Neston Pirate Samba
Official address (if applicable)	

	First contact	Second contact
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Position	Workshop Leader	Administration
Address		
Telephone		
Email		

Does your organisation have a named bank account with a minimum of two signatories?	YES	x
	NO	

Registration status (if applicable)	
Charity Commission registration number	
Companies House registration number	

Your organisation	
What does your organisation do?	<p>We provide ongoing samba drum workshops for children, parents, and teachers in the Neston area. On a regular basis, between 25-30 people attend our sessions.</p> <p>Many participants are at risk of social exclusion so our workshops are free to access. A significant number also come from minority groups or have physical/learning difficulties. For lots of the children, this is the only extra curricular activity they access in the area.</p> <p>We focus on communication, teamwork, musical aspiration and the building of strong relationships both within the group and across communities. We believe in empowering young individuals to discover and develop their unique skills and abilities.</p>



How does your organisation benefit the local community? Please include a specific example.	<p>We support Neston by performing at local events including the Xmas Lights Switch On, Jubilee Celebrations, Maggiesfest Wirral and school fairs.</p> <p>We have played to hundreds of people in the area and our performances have always been very well received, whilst raising money for charitable causes.</p> <p>In particular, the 2023 Neston Lights Switch On featured a band of nearly 40 young people, teachers and parents. We led the parade in front of an audience of hundreds and for many children, it was one of the best things they felt they had ever done.</p> <p>These opportunities are also vital for our own participants as they foster confidence, self belief, a sense of community and lasting memories.</p>		
How many people benefit directly from the work of your organisation (itemise numbers of members, volunteers and service users)?	<table><tr><td>25 young people aged 8 to 16</td></tr><tr><td>10 volunteers: 5 parents/ 5 teachers</td></tr></table>	25 young people aged 8 to 16	10 volunteers: 5 parents/ 5 teachers
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What activities, events or services has your organisation provided in Neston during the last 12 months?	<p>2023 Neston Lights Switch On</p> <p>Woodfall Summer Fair</p> <p>Subsidised peripatetic lessons</p> <p>Regular community workshops</p>		
What activities, events or services does your organisation plan to provide in Neston for the next 12 months?	<p>2024 Neston Lights Switch On</p> <p>2025 Neston Earth Festival</p> <p>2025 Neston Village Fair</p> <p>Neston Xmas/ Easter Markets</p> <p>Regular Community workshops</p>		

Your project	
Project title	Neston Together
Amount requested	£2500
Project start date	1/10/24
Project end date	31/9/25
Describe your project	A series of outreach workshops and performances to engage and include a wide variety of Neston residents including those at risk of social exclusion.
List the main objectives of your project	1]To widen the reach and accessibility of Neston Pirate Samba in the local community.



	2] To provide high quality performance opportunities for participants alongside the core band. 3] To create pathways for sustainable inclusion in music making activities both in Neston and in partnership with other groups.	
Explain how each main objective will be achieved.	1] Taster workshops in a variety of settings including schools and community centres 2] Invitation for participants in these to participate with regular band at community events and showcases 3] Further invitation to join regular band and partnership organisations providing further opportunities locally and nationally	
Provide a timeline for implementation of your project.	Oct- Dec 25 Taster Workshops Jan- Mar 25 Follow up workshops and rehearsals April- Aug 25 Performances at community events	
Detail the evidence that proves why this project is needed.	At previous performances, many Neston residents have asked how they could join but at that point activities were limited to the Woodfall school community.	
Please demonstrate how the people who will benefit from your project, with lived experience of the issues tackled, have been involved in its development and how they will be involved in its delivery.	Access to music making opportunities, especially in groups, increases wellbeing, confidence, skills sets and a sense of community. Participants in Neston Samba Pirates have the opportunity not only to take part but to lead workshops and compose pieces for the group, learning vital life skills.	
What difference will your project make to the lives of the people who will benefit from it and how will you measure its legacy?	For many, this will be the first step into group music making activities and it will provide a platform for further engagement. Performances are enjoyed by a diverse multi generational audience fostering a sense of community and concept of Neston as a vibrant place.	
How many people do you estimate will benefit from your project?	Direct beneficiaries	80
	Volunteers	20
If you aim for your project to carry on in the future, how will you ensure it continues after the funding from this application has been used?	Participants in Neston Together to be invited to join core group which is ongoing, free to access and funded separately.	

Breakdown of project costs		
Description of expenditure	Amount £	
15 x taster workshops @ £100 each	1500	
Development of website/ information portals	200	



Tshirts for live performances	300
Equipment maintainance	200
Administrative support [20 hrs @ £15]	300
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST (do not include in-kind costs)</b>	<b>2500</b>

<b>Sources of project funding and in-kind support</b>	
Have you secured any other funding for your project? If so, where from?	Amount
no	
Description of in-kind assistance secured (eg volunteer hours or donated equipment)	Amount (what is the financial conversion for this in-kind help?)
2 x Volunteer support workshop leaders [15 sessions at £25]	750

<b>Financial information about your organisation (last financial year)</b>	
What was the date of your last financial year end?	N/A
What was your organisation's income in the last financial year?	N/A- Neston Samba Pirates formed this year
Did your organisation have a surplus or deficit for the last financial year?	Surplus £
	Deficit £
What were your organisation's unrestricted reserves at the end of the last financial year?	N/A

<b>Financial information about your organisation (current financial year)</b>	
Are you projecting a surplus or deficit for the current financial year?	Projected surplus £0
	Projected deficit £0
What are your organisation's projected unrestricted reserves for the end of the current financial year?	0- All funds are project allocated, no overdraft facility

<b>Previous grant support from Neston Town Council</b>		
Please detail below previous grant support that your organisation has received from Neston Town Council during the past five years		
Date of grant award	Purpose of grant award	Amount
11/9/24	Preparation for community performance at 2024 Neston Lights Switch On	500


### The Town Council's funding priorities

We look for projects that support the funding priorities detailed in the Town Council's Grants Policy. Which of these priorities does your project support?

To enable local people to participate in voluntary groups and activities.	x
To help the Neston area's voluntary and community groups to improve the impact on the community.	x
To ensure the provision of services, needed by the residents of the Neston area, via the voluntary sector.	x
To support organisations which meet the needs of people experiencing social and economic difficulties.	x
To ensure that there is equality of access and opportunity for all Neston area residents to the services it provides and funds.	x
To improve or enhance the local environment.	x

### Checklist

Latest annual accounts	
Copies of written estimates or catalogue pages (if applicable)	
Policies for the protection of children and/or vulnerable adults (if applicable)	x

### Declaration

1. I am authorised to make the application on behalf of the above organisation.
2. I have read Neston Town Council's Grants Policy and Funding Agreement.
3. I certify that the information in this application is correct.
4. If the information in the application changes in any way I will inform Neston Town Council.
5. I confirm that our organisation has the necessary governance in place to ensure accountability for the spending of any grant money allocated by Neston Town Council.
6. I understand that information provided in this application (with the exception of contact details and signatures) will be in the public domain and will be uploaded to the Town Council's website.
7. I agree to participate in monitoring, auditing and reporting feedback related to Neston Town Council grant funding.

Name	STUART HANDCARTS
Signature	[Redacted]
Date	21/5/24

Applications to the main grants programme are considered twice a year and the deadlines for submission of applications are 31 March and 30 September.

You can submit your application electronically to [council@nestontowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:council@nestontowncouncil.org.uk) or by post to Neston Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Neston CH64 9TR.