



SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

(Maximum £500)

APPLICATION FORM

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

	First contact	Second contact
Name	Kirsty Wright	Stuart Hardcastle
Position	Administrator	Workshop Leader
Address		
Telephone		
Email		

Does your organisation have a named bank account with a minimum of two signatories?	YES	*
	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>

	For many young people, we are their first steps into music making.
How does your organisation benefit the local community?	<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>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.)	<p>29 young people aged 8 to 16 who are part of Samba Pirates.</p> <p>8 volunteers: 8 parents minimum</p>

Details of your grant application	
<p>Briefly describe the project, activity or purchase for which you require a grant.</p> <p><i>Retrospective requests will not be considered.</i></p>	<p>Additional workshops leading to a performance and exchange of skills with Kinetika Bloco https://kinetikabloco.co.uk/ at the Southbank Centre in London. We will be taking a group of children to London for the day on August 7 for them to collaborate with this widely recognised samba youth band who have helped develop many young artists including the award winning Ezra Collective.</p>
How will the project, activity or purchase benefit the local community?	<p>It will provide a focal point for the band as a summer event, and will give them opportunity to see what next steps might look like as well as showcasing their own talents and musical skills. This is a developmental opportunity for the samba band which will also raise the profile of Neston.</p> <p>We have secured sponsorship outside of funding for hoodies for the band – regardless of whether they are part of the group traveling to London. This will help with a sense of inclusion and recognition of the Samba Pirates.</p>

Project/activity start date and end date	01/06/2025 to 07/08/2025
How much will your project, activity or purchase cost in total?	£1150
How much are you requesting from Neston Town Council?	£500
Please give a breakdown of the cost of the project, activity or purchase.	Room hire £90 [6 sessions @ £15] Workshop leader fees 450 [6 sessions @75] Train travel [est £500] Insurance £75
If your project, activity or purchase cost is more than the amount requested in this grant application, how will you fund the difference?	Parental contribution

Financial information about your organisation	
Please provide details of any reserves held by your organisation.	
Have you attached accounts for the last financial year? If not, please explain why.	Bank account only set up in Sept 2024

Previous grant support from Neston Town Council		
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
Oct 2024	6 Workshops for Samba Pirates running up to the 2024 Christmas parade	£500
Oct 2024	20 workshops for Neston Together project aimed at the elderly and primary school children culminating in a showcase at the 2025 Easter Market	£2000

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 will your one-off purchase 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.	
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 Hardcastle
Signature	
Date	28/3/2025

Applications to the small grants programme will be considered at the next scheduled Community & Environment Committee meeting following receipt.

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

NESTON TOWN COUNCIL PRIVACY NOTICE FOR APPLICANTS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL'S GRANTS PROGRAMME

The Data Protection Act 2018 governs how we handle personal data.

Why are we collecting your information?

On our grant application forms most of the information we need relates to your organisation. However, we are often provided with names, email addresses, contact telephone numbers and addresses relating to named individuals who are submitting the form on behalf of the group. We are processing in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. We will only use the personal data supplied for the means of administering the grants programme.

How will we use your information?

The information you provide to us in connection with your grant application (including personal contact details) will be held securely as hard copy originals and as electronic data on Neston Town Council's shared drive. We will only use this information to assess, process and award community grants. For those successful in obtaining a grant award, we will use information about the project in publicity to promote the grants programme but will not share any personal data. If we want to use any photographs showing people at your events, we will ensure we gain consent from them at the time in order to use images of them.

Who will we share your information with?

The information may be shared with other Council Officers and Town Councillors as part of our grant assessment and monitoring process. A redacted version of your grant application (removing private addresses, private telephone numbers, private email addresses and applicant signatures) will be considered at a grants meeting and, as such, will be uploaded to the Town Council website alongside other papers detailed on the agenda. Your contact details will not be passed on to third parties. Please note that Neston Town Council is subject to the Freedom of Information Act and other legislation.

How long will we keep your information?

Information from successful applicants will be retained for the current financial year plus six years. A redacted version of the grant application uploaded to the website as a meeting paper will be available to view for an indefinite period (private addresses, private telephone numbers, private email addresses and applicant signatures are redacted).

Information from unsuccessful grant applicants will be kept for 12 months from the point of application. A redacted version of the grant application uploaded to the website as a meeting paper will be available to view for an indefinite period (private addresses, private telephone numbers, private email addresses and applicant signatures are redacted).