

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations Local Government Act 1972, Section 137

**Please note that this application will not be considered unless it is accompanied by a copy of the latest set of annual accounts showing the organisations income, expenditure and level of balances. If the organisation does not prepare annual accounts, copies of the bank statements covering the previous six months must be enclosed.**

1.	Name of Organisation	Alderbury Picnic in the Park
2.	Name, Address and Status of Contact	Darren Mernagh Rushall Southampton Rd Alderbury Salisbury Wilts SP5 3AG (former treasurer and committee member).
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	07718118904
4.	Is the Organisation a Registered Charity?	No
5.	Amount of grant requested	£2000
5.	For what purpose or project is the grant requested?	<p>Picnic in the Park runs as a free event with the aim of bringing together the communities of Alderbury and Whaddon. The event has grown over the past few years and has activities for all of the family as well as an opportunity for local individuals to promote their small businesses and charities such as the Alderbury Clothing Exchange, The Royal British Legion, local craft sellers and the Wildlife Friendly Alderbury initiative.</p> <p>The event, as initially conceived, relied heavily on goodwill and donations either financial or in kind. A formal committee was conceived last year and the ambition was not only to ensure the continuation of this highly valued activity, but also to ensure that the event and its management and organisation keeps up with its growing success and the transition from an event with a small number of kind donors to one that is run by the village for the village. This has resulted in the committee needing to fund more. The grant last year of £2500 was gratefully received, and the feedback we received from Picnic in the Park suggests that this was a great success for all ages.</p> <p>As the event has grown, we have needed to provide security in the evening, engage professional first aid provision not because we have needed it but because it is the right thing to do. Furthermore we have provided a good number of outdoor toilets, including baby change and disabled facilities as these are not available elsewhere, and in line with APC requirements we can confirm that public liability insurance will be in place for the event.</p> <p>The committee has been augmented since last year and this provides additional oversight of the monies</p>

		<p>raised from raffles, a drinks and sweet store at the event as well as other fundraising evenings in the village. It also provides assurance as to the continuity of the event. We also receive support from Alderbury Sports and Social? Club towards the cost of the bands, a contribution to additional toilets as well as the provision of waste disposal and this is owing to them recognising the increased business for them on the day along with the value the club places on this community event. Monies raised on the day and other fundraising initiatives has allowed £1,774.89 to be placed in the bank for the event which will all go towards the 2025 event. Our cost this year, with increased pressures owing to the cost of living crisis, public liability insurance and the introduction of bank changes has meant that the cost of the day is now estimated at around £4000. We therefore seek a grant of £2000 as 50% matched funding, and this will go a long way to ensuring that we are able to confirm the event for a further year.</p> <p>Plans for 2025 will see a recognition of the D-Day 80 commemorations and for more activities for both younger and teenage children to engage with. We have even requested a flypast from the Red Arrows!</p> <p>We do not wish to charge families as we believe that this would fundamentally change the look and feel of the event and hope that the Parish Council recognises and respects this decision. We believe this to be the only large free event for local residents and for what we estimate to be between 300-400 members of the local community both young and old. The continued support of this all-day event is testament to the high regard and value that the community places on the annual event. We gratefully recognise past support and wish to request financial support from the Parish Council once again for what we would argue continues to be the single most successful annual community event for parishioners.</p>
6.	What will be the total cost of the above project?	£4000
7.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	The cost of the grant will cover approximately 50% of the costs, we have already raised approximately £1770 through donations and the committee and a further fundraiser is planned for Easter.
8.	Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation?  If so, which organisation and how much?	Yes, last year we were awarded £2500
9.	Who will benefit from the project?	<p>300-400 individuals and their families within Alderbury and Whaddon. Most member of the Alderbury Parish Council attended the event and can verify the popularity of the event.</p> <p>It is a free event with something for everyone and widely supported and open to all.</p>

10.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	We believe that all or the vast majority of those who benefit are parishioners.
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You may use a separate sheet of paper to submit any other information which you feel will support this application.



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Dr Darren Mernagh (Aldbury Picnic in the Park).....Date...30/01/25.....