

SHIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL GREEN GRANT AND PARKS & RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION FORM
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Mission Statements: To provide grants to people and organisations for purposes that “Further the recommendations made by the Citizens’ Jury and contained in Shipley Town Council’s Climate Action Plan (Transport, Housing, Education and Nature) to benefit, improve and support the environment and residents in Shipley (parish boundary)” and / or “Enhance the provision and enjoyment of Shipley parks, green spaces and outdoor recreational pursuits. Shipley residents (parish boundary) and/or biodiversity should benefit from the idea.”
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Name of applicant:

The Glen Tramway Preservation Company
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Name of organisation that will support the achievement of your project (if under 18):

Tell us about yourselves and/or what your organisation was set up to do:
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The Glen Tramway is the oldest rope operated tramway in the British Isles and was built in 1895 by Sam Wilson to transport people up and down between Saltaire and Baildon to enjoy the popular visitor attraction of Shipley Glen.
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The Glen Tramway Preservation Company are a group of volunteers who want to share the experience of the tramway with families .We open to the public Sundays 12-4 January to Easter and then Saturdays and Sundays Easter to December. The Tramway is part of Bradford’s heritage and is visited by people from all over the country and we often have visitors from across the world.

What is your idea (that you are applying for these funds for)?

This year has been a particularly bad year for the tramway, a very dry summer followed by a wet winter has caused havoc to the track and several large sections of the track are now suffering from subsidence. Our volunteer maintenance team have tried hard to fix the damage however after a reason, independent track survey we have been informed that the whole track needs lifting and the foundations relaying. Unfortunately this is a task too large for our volunteers and we need to employ a professional team at a cost of £89000.

Please complete one of the following:**Which element(s) of Shipley's [Climate Action Plan](#) does your idea address?**

Point 4 Transport Create a vision for Travel to reduce car use and increase active travel
Point 7 Transport – Encourage more People to walk making it safer and easier

Using the Glen Tramway, which is powered totally by electricity, is a perfect green option to transport visitors to and from the Glen

The journey from the bottom of the tramway to Shipley Glen in a distance of 3.3miles by car the tramway is approximately 400m.

Not only does the tramway promote green travel but it encourages people to visit The Glen and enjoy numerous walks including visiting Baildon Trig Point and across to Eldwick. It also provides access to the popular Brackenhall Visitors centre where people can learn about a variety of environmental issues and the areas geology and ecology.

How does your idea enhance the provision and enjoyment of Shipley parks, green spaces and outdoor recreational pursuits and/or biodiversity?

The tramway is an ideal way to get visitors from Saltaire onto the picturesque Shipley Glen and to enjoy the new Bradford Pennine Gateway to enjoy the National Nature Reserve which Shipley Glen as recently become part of. For residents of Baildon this is also it an ideal environmentally friendly way down into Saltaire to enjoy Robert's Park and enjoy walks along the Leeds and Liverpool canal and the River Aire. Whilst doing this, passengers can enjoy the experience of travelling on a piece of Bradford's heritage.

How will Shipley benefit from carrying out your idea?

The Shipley Glen Tramway is part of Shipley's heritage and a visitor attraction to the area. The Tramway brings in tourists to Shipley and Saltaire and the surrounding area which benefits the area's economy.

Excellent transport links, very close by, make the tramway easily accessible to all and opens up the Shipley Glen to everyone including people with additional needs. The tramway is fully wheelchair friendly, dementia friendly and has recently had an interactive board installed to support young people with complex learning difficulties. The Tramway is a fun, inexpensive, activity for all members of the Shipley Community and the wider area

How will you measure that you have successfully achieved what you plan to do?

The project will be measured by the completion of the work needed to restore the track to allow passengers to travel safely and enjoy the tramway and surrounding areas for generations to come.

Risk Assessment

How will you engage people with your idea, if applicable? Please tell us about any experience you have in engaging people:

The Tramway already has fundraising in place to help raise the £89000 needed to carry out the repair work. We are very active on Facebook of which we have over 9500 followers. We also have website and have also publicised our appeal on calendar and various other media platforms

Is the success of your project dependent on one or a limited number of people? If so, what are your contingency plans should they be unavailable?

We have a board of trustees who are all equally committed to this project. The board of trustees are supported by a group of equally dedicated volunteers

What other risks have you identified that might prevent the project being realised and how will you manage them?

As a tramway we have some savings but nowhere enough to fund this project fully, which is why we are not relying on more than one funding source. There will always be a risk that we may not be able to find the funds however we are being very proactive to ensure this does not happen.

How much funding are you seeking from STC*?: £2000 from the Green Grants application and if possible £1000 from the Parks and Recreations Grant

Total Cost of Project: £ 89000

Source of balance of funds:

£50,000 from The Tramways accounts if needed

Hopefully £10,000 from our social media fundraising campaign and own tramway fundraising including special events at the Tramway.

£29,000 from various grants including this grant

Please include a breakdown of costs:

and any estimated income (including other grants, admission charges, fund-raising, subscriptions and similar) for this project:

*maximum £2000 for Green Grant applicants and £1000 for Parks & Recreation Grant applicants

Contact details:

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Referees:

Please give the name and contact details for two referees who we can contact

provided

Please sign and date to confirm you have read and agree with the Criteria and Notes
for Applicants

Signature of Applicant: Fiona Lidstone-Green

Date: 26th January 2026

Applications should only be made on this form, which should be returned by Royal Mail or
electronic mail **by midnight on Sunday 1 March 2026** to:

**The Town Clerk, Shipley Town Council
Town Hall, Kirkgate, Shipley BD18 3EJ**

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