

Application
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**SHIPLEY TOWN COUNCIL
GREEN GRANT AND PARKS & RECREATION GRANT
APPLICATION FORM**

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.”

Name of applicant: Carolyn Neale (Chair)
Kath Williams
on behalf of St. Peter’s Bowling Club, Fern Hill Road BD18 4SN

Name of organisation that will support the achievement of your project (if under 18):
N/A

Tell us about yourselves and/or what your organisation was set up to do:

We are a social bowling club, not affiliated to any league, for the enjoyment of non-competitive recreation for residents of all ages in the local area.

We place importance on being a social bowling club with a focus on enjoyment rather than the pressure of competitive bowling. Our matches are ‘friendlies’ and do not place pressure on players or spectators to join in if they choose not to.

We have a record of encouraging members who have initially been lacking in confidence or reticent to join in the play, who have gradually felt welcome enough to have a go.

We are proud of our inclusive and non-judgemental ethos which also enables us to welcome and support potential and/or new members with certain medical conditions (e.g. MS, heart conditions, dementia, mental health struggles) who could benefit from the social and physical aspects of being part of the bowling club.

Our members currently fall mainly into the over 60s group, but we are keen to attract and encourage younger players.

The project we are applying for aims to promote a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere to make the club as accessible and appealing as possible for new members, players, spectators and visiting clubs.

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

Sheltered seating for players, spectators and visitors, to improve the aesthetics and comfort of the recreational space to attract new members and increase membership.
For the reasons described in the previous section.

Please complete one of the following:

Which element(s) of Shipley's [Climate Action Plan](#) does your idea address?

N/A

Although the project would provide safe shelter during hot weather.

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

Sheltered space for community members to watch the bowling in all weathers.

Sheltered space for players to rest safely when not playing.

Attached guttering to the shelter to feed into a water butt for use in the grounds.

How will Shipley benefit from carrying out your idea?

Enhance provision that will help to promote the recreational activity.

The sheltered seating will help to encourage new members and visitors. This can be promoted at the annual open day, on the website and through social media.

We would actively promote the facilities for people to come and watch and perhaps become social members in the first instance, enabling them to attend club functions, increasing social contact and reducing isolation and loneliness.

Having the sheltered seating would increase opportunities for people to sit and watch, build relationships and hopefully develop the confidence to participate in the bowling, resulting in increased opportunities for exercise. As bowling is a 'low impact' activity, this is particularly important for people with certain medical conditions, as described in section 1.

The space would be valuable on the evening bowling sessions where we aim to encourage and nurture beginners, people who prefer the quieter time and younger people who may be in education or employment during the day.

We want to attract younger members who will continue and develop the work of the club and promote mixed-age and cross-generational interaction.

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

Provide more comfortable and welcoming provision to:

- Increase the time members can spend at the club, particularly in hot weather (quantitative data measure)
- Increase the number of people who watch, and subsequently participate, in the bowling (quantitative data measure)
- Increased mixed-age and cross-generational activity (quantitative data measure)
- Increase in the well-being of more people in the Shipley community, which would be assessed through an informal questionnaire (qualitative data measure)

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

Men's shed, Shipley to design, construct and install the sheltered seating.

Members involved in preparing the site and maintaining the structure.

Promote through the open-day, on social media and local community groups.

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?

A committed group of four members, who will be able to stand in for each other. Supported by a committee of 10 people, some with dedicated roles, and a committee succession plan, to support the project, complete tasks and further developments.

The Men's Shed is a well-established organisation with a strong reputation and their own

contingency plan regarding projects they undertake. It is a secure organisation who actively recruit new members. A similar structure could be purchased online or from a commercial company for approximately £925, DIY construction (Dunster House), should The Men's Shed not be able to complete the work for any reason. Having said that, this is only as a contingency plan, as we fully intend to stay with and support the work of The Men's Shed.

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

Weather conditions restricting preparation of the site and installation of the shelter. This should be minimal, but communication and co-ordination should overcome this should it arise.

The Men's Shed not being able to complete the work in given time. We would discuss and plan a realistic time frame and plan for absorption of delays in funding restrictions.

We have a member of the club with previous experience of working on a project, in a separate organisation, funded by a grant from STC, therefore with experience of planning, delivering and monitoring the project. This was a successful project that has improved the facilities and use of a public green space. Through leafleting, social media holding regular meetings and a range of other activities, it has succeeded in involving an increased number of the local community.

How much funding are you seeking from STC*?: £1,000

Total Cost of Project: £ 1,170.64

Matched funding of volunteer time for an estimated 32 hours of labour, equating to £960 at £30 per hour, but the volunteers are willing to work the number of hours it takes to complete the project.

Hardcore for the base of the shelter has been generated by prior work on the site, reusing and recycling where possible, so will come at no monetary cost.

Source of balance of funds:

Club funds

Please include a breakdown of costs:

The Men's Shed: Materials £823.44

Donation: £100

Materials for base: Concrete: £247.20

Written quotations for the above costs can be provided if required.

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