



Okehampton Town Council

SMALL GRANT APPLICATION FORM (£500 maximum)

About your Group or Organisation

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Name of charity: Wren Music

Registered Charity Number (if applicable): 1128790

Registered address: Ebenezer Hall, North Street, Okehampton, EX20 1AR

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Contact's role within organisation: Development Officer

Cheque payable to (if different from name of organisation above):

Please give brief details of:

1. The principal role of the organisation: Community folk music facilitating active participation in creative music making to promote social, personal and artistic outcomes.
2. Total membership: N/A. Wren is not a membership organisation

Local Involvement

3. How does the organisation benefit the community?

We run a number of projects in Okehampton, enabling music making and arts involvement for all ages. We have six projects based in the town which will be ready to start again when restrictions are lifted.

1. Instrument Picnic and Songs Around the World: project for children under five and their parents/carers. This project has funding from The Ragdoll Foundation and The National Foundation for Youth Music.
2. For The Record: A professional development programme funded by Erasmus+ (European Union) for training community musicians to work with older adults in residential care homes. The project will use life stories from residents to create community celebration events.

3. The West Devon Folk Choir: A weekly choir for people to come together and learn folk songs, often including songs from the local area.
 4. The Mandolin Orchestra of Devon and the Fiddle Orchestra of Devon meet monthly in Okehampton. Several members are from the town, and these groups bring day visitors every month.
 5. Okehampton Lanterns: our annual lantern procession. Postponed in March 2020, but all equipment is in storage and we will be ready to go once restrictions are lifted in the longer term. The project works with all ages, family groups and groups targeted on particular communities (e.g. mental health support and residential homes). We also work with other local groups such as Brownies, Room 13, dance groups and the multicultural feasts group.
 6. Wren Music Folk Festival: Every October we bring professional folk artists to the town for a weekend celebration, including staying visitors from across the South West and further afield.
4. Of the total membership, approximately how many reside in:
 - a. Okehampton? N/A. Wren is not a membership organisation
 - b. Okehampton Hamlets? N/A. Wren is not a membership organisation

Local Involvement (cont)

5. Average number of members attending each meeting? N/A. Wren is not a membership organisation
6. Number of meetings per year? N/A. Wren is not a membership organisation

About the Grant

7. Please state what the grant will be used for and how it will benefit Okehampton residents?

This grant will be used to set up a free singing group. It will take place in the afternoons and participants will be signposted by the Social Prescribing unit based at Okehampton Medical Centre. The group will be available to people who have felt isolated during the pandemic (referred by the Covid support team and other support groups). In particular, we will target patients with COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) and patients experiencing respiratory problems resulting from long Covid. Membership will be extended to people who are isolating and at risk of mental health issues.

We will start with online sessions, and be ready to move to in person sessions if restrictions allow. The sessions will include music making (with participant microphones muted) as well as a social element to get to know other people from the area. It will be especially important for people living with these conditions to make links and find support from others living with similar conditions

This project will act as a pilot to help us develop a significant application to a national funder to establish an ongoing group in the town. This will be a 'Singing For Wellness' group for Okehampton. Wren has been part of a regional clinical research project funded by the NHS. Through this trial we established a Singing For Wellness choir in Torbay. All our singing leaders have followed training with the British Lung Foundation and are equipped to deliver the sessions safely. With a new partnership with the social prescribing team, we are keen to help the residents in our home town.

8. Please supply full costings of project, equipment or activity or supply source for estimates.
(please use a separate sheet if you require further space to answer)

The money will be used to pay for our music leader fees, as the associated overhead costs (Full Cost Recovery) are covered by other grants we have received (including from West Devon BC)

- **Music leader preparation time: 2 x sessions @ £62.50 = £125**
- **Music leader delivery time: 6 x sessions @ £62.50 = £375**
- Cost of online platform: £100 (covered by match funding)
- Full Cost recovery: Overheads: internet, equipment, support staff, etc. Calculated at 25% of music leader costs = £125 (covered by match funding)

Total cost of project: £725

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| 9 a. | What is the amount of grant requested? | £500.00 |
| b. | Are you contributing matched funding for the project | YES |
| c. | Are you applying for or have you received grants or funds from other sources? | YES |
| d. | Is your organisation running fund-raising activities for this project? | YES |

- 10 When do you anticipate the money will be spent (date):

We expect to start up two weeks after the grant is confirmed, and this will pay for 6 weekly sessions.

Please note the feedback form to be completed 8 weeks after the completion of the project or, in any event, within 12 months of receipt of the grant. Future applications will only be considered if feedback for previously awarded grants has been received.

Certificate

I have read the guidance for grant applications. I understand that grants are only available to organisations operating locally for the benefit of Okehampton and that I have answered all questions to the best of my knowledge and on behalf of the organisation.

Signature of applicant ...



..... dated ...10.02.2021.....

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