



Okehampton Town Council

GRANT FEEDBACK FORM

Name of the group/organisation/charity Meldon Viaduct Trust (Charity).....

Amount awarded £500..... Date of award 23/12/2022

Completion date of the event/activity - ongoing, contribution to viaduct maintenance

Please explain how the grant has been spent and how the award has benefited:

- a) Your group/organisation/charity
- b) Residents within the Okehampton town boundary

A)The Meldon Viaduct Trust is supported by local grant contributions which are solely used to repair and maintain the viaduct.

The grant award of £500 in 2022/23 has been retained along with other Partner Contributions to fund essential repairs & maintenance to the viaduct in 2022/23 financial year. Repair costs for 2023/24 are expected to be over £20,000, exact figures to be confirmed.

Additionally, a major refurbishment has been planned for 2029 since the Trust's inception in 1999. Consequently, there has always been a need to build up the reserves to provide match funding for a future grant application.

B)

In February 1999 the Meldon Viaduct Company was set up for the sole purpose of safeguarding and maintaining the Viaduct to ensure its future as a monument to Victorian engineering and as a valuable recreational resource to tourists and the local community of Okehampton. The shareholders are Aggregates Industries Ltd, Dartmoor National Park, Devon County Council and West Devon Borough Council.

Meldon Viaduct is one of only two examples of a wrought iron truss girder viaduct in Britain and its national importance is recognised by protection as a Scheduled Monument. In 1996 the viaduct was refurbished as part of the Dartmoor Way footpath and the Devon Coast to Coast cycle route. The panoramic views from the viaduct of Dartmoor and beyond attract many tourists and locals every year.

In 2003 the Trust requested contributions from local organisations to put towards the ongoing maintenance and future refurbishment. The Town Council recognising the importance of this structure to both the historic environment but also as a tourism and leisure attraction agreed to provide an annual contribution in the knowledge that the money is safeguarded within the Trust and will be used when it is needed.

Supporting documents such as accounts and receipts should be included. Further evidence, for example photographs would be appreciated for publicity purposes.

Supporting documentation provided: Accounts for the 21/22 financial year attached. (too early to provide you with accounts for 22/23 as they have not been signed off)

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GRANT FEEDBACK FORM

Name of the group/organisation/charity *The Museum of Dartmoor Life*

Amount awarded £ *£3,500 + £1,500* Date of award *21st June 2023*

Completion date of the event/activity *June 2024*

Please explain how the grant has been spent and how the award has benefited:

- a) Your group/organisation/charity
- b) Residents within the Okehampton town boundary

£3,500 is for the Museum & helps with improving visitor (& locals) experience. For example, exhibition costs in the Gallery & purchasing items like the dehumidifier which is daily reducing the damp in this ancient building. The £1,500 helps with the costs of the tourist information point, electricity, printing, & on Mondays, now supplying tea & coffee as the cafe is shut.

Supporting documents such as accounts and receipts should be included. Further evidence, for example photographs would be appreciated for publicity purposes.

Supporting documentation provided:

Can send photos by email - or come & see the Exhibition - Anyone on Dartmoor!



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GRANT FEEDBACK FORM

Name of the group/organisation/charity

Amount awarded £100

Date of award March 2023

Completion date of the event/activity June 2023

Please explain how the grant has been spent and how the award has benefited:

- a) Your group/organisation/charity
- b) Residents within the Okehampton town boundary

For the Kings Coronation, Okehampton Primary Schools PTFA decided to tidy up an area of the school and make a small garden area. We decided to plant a tree as well for the King. The area has benches around it so the children and parents will be able to sit around here. We spent the money on a Maple Tree and other plants and shrubs for the area, including some red, white and blue plants.





Supporting documents such as accounts and receipts should be included. Further evidence, for example photographs would be appreciated for publicity purposes.

Supporting documentation provided:

Name of person completing the form:

Signature:



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GRANT FEEDBACK FORM

Name of group/organisation/charity NORTH DARTMOOR SEARCH + RESCUE TEAM

Amount awarded £500 Date of award 10/5/2022

Cheque awarded 19/7/2022

Please explain below how the grant has been spent and how the award has benefited

- your organisation or group
- all or part of Okehampton and/or some or all of its residents

The grant contributed to the purchase of an SLIXSS stretcher spinal splint for an SLIXSS stretcher (£496,60). The cheque for £500 was awarded to team leader Martin Thornton by Mayor Bob Tolley on 19th July 2022. The stretcher will potentially be of vital importance for the rescue and extraction of casualties on Dartmoor including residents of Okehampton.

Supporting documents such as accounts and receipts should be included. Further evidence eg photographs (in suitable format for inclusion on Okehampton Town Council website) would be appreciated.

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.

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