



GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Complete all sections. Contact the Clerk to the Council if you have any questions

Section A: The Organisation

Name of Organisation

Goring and District Community Centre Trust (Charity 1000005)

Main Contact Name

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Are you a newly formed group (less than 1 year)?

Yes No

How long has your group been operating?

Charity registered 1990

Do you have a voluntary management committee?

Yes No

Do you have a formal constitution?

Yes No

Do you have an equal opportunities policy/statement?

Yes No

Do you have an annual record of accounts?

Yes No

Please describe your group's main activities:

Please attach copy of most recent accounts and latest bank statement to your application.

The Centre's core work is to host four highly valued charitable activities. **The first** is the twice-weekly luncheon club for elderly and disabled people, from Goring, Streatley and surrounding villages. **The second** is the transport office call centre that matches volunteer drivers to patients in need of transport to medical appointments, both local and to hospitals in Reading, Oxford, Henley and Thatcham. **The third** is a repository of essential mobility aids, from walking sticks to wheelchairs, that are donated to the Centre and distributed free to people who need them, usually on a short-term basis. **Finally**, the Centre offers comfortable, low-cost meeting facilities, used mainly by the parish council and local, voluntary groups but available to hire by others for regular and occasional activities.

Section B: The Grant

What is the Grant For?

Refurbishment and updating of facilities, the single most expensive being refurbishment of the lavatories, especially the accessible/disabled lavatory, but including adjustments for better and easier wheelchair access, more flexible and portable furniture and improvement of audio-visual facilities and equipment.

Who will benefit from the grant if approved?

All users of the Community Centre will benefit but especially the elderly and disabled members of the luncheon club and the volunteers who transport and entertain these people. Planned replacement of furniture and upgrading audio-visual facilities will benefit business and leisure users and widen the opportunities for entertaining luncheon club members. We also hope to achieve a lively, accessible and affordable Centre that will appeal to young people.

How will the Civil Parish of Goring-on-Thames benefit from the monies if the grant is awarded?

Goring parish will have a venue that can match the quality of other modern meeting facilities in the village that have been built or updated more recently and thus relieve pressure on demand, which now appears to have fully recovered since the Covid pandemic.



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How much are you applying for?

£7-8,000

How many people will benefit from the monies?

Number of user-days estimate: ~5,800 a year

Have any other bodies been approached for grant funding in relation to this application / Project?

Yes

No BUT...

If Yes, please provide details.

...A public appeal has been launched to raise £45,000. This has so far raised donations totalling in excess of £10,000 and is expected to attract further local contributions. If and when the Community Centre itself and the specific upgrading projects become eligible, we shall apply for grant funding from other bodies, including the county and district councils and the parish councils of some surrounding villages where their residents use the Community Centre.

What will you do if you get less funding than you have asked for? Will all or part of the project still go ahead? Please tell us what could be achieved if you only receive part funding?

The project as a whole consists of a number of discrete improvements that can each be undertaken separately. These will be undertaken in priority order, beginning with the most expensive and disruptive, the lavatory refurbishment.

If successful your grant will be paid directly into the bank account detailed on the bank statement given in support of Section A of this form, cheques will be provided in the name of the organisation on the bank statement only in exceptional circumstances. If you require a cheque, please detail why below.

Please provide a full breakdown of the project costs and how they will be funded:

Item	Cost	Funded From
Priority order	£ Estimated inc Vat	
1 Lavatory refurbishment, including landlord's consent licence fee of £1,500	31,500	Existing donations and grants and donations available in year 1 – to December 2026
2 Redecorate and refresh Reiss Room and dining room	2,500	Existing and new donations and grants available in year 2 – to December 2027
3 Replace easy chairs in Reiss Room with more flexible and portable furniture	5,800	
4 Improve front door and lobby	2,000	
5 Instal ceiling mounted, wi-fi connected projector and drop-down screen	1,800	
<i>Sub-total</i>	43,600	
Contingency for two-years' inflation and unforeseen technical issues @10%	4,360	
Total Project Cost:	47,960	



Section C: The Terms and Conditions

By signing this Grant Application, you are agreeing to the following:

- You are an official representative of your group and are authorised to apply for funding on their behalf.
- Your details can be held with Goring-on-Thames Parish Council in accordance with the Data Protection Act to administer the grants process.
- The information provided in this application is a fair and accurate description of your group and the project for which you are seeking funding. Misleading or inaccurate information may result in your application being rejected. Late application or failure to complete any section of the application form may result in your application being delayed or rejected.
- Information about your group and your project may be made available as part of Goring-on-Thames Parish Councils decision making system. Personal contact details and bank details will not be made public.
- You have given due regard to health and safety considerations and have controls in place to eliminate or reduce risk exposure.
- You will provide Goring-on-Thames Parish Council with any information they request to enable them to assess your application. This may include (but is not restricted to) a copy of your constitution, accounts or bank statements, equal opportunities policy, insurance and relevant health & safety policies.
- You will provide Goring-on-Thames Parish Council with any evidence or monitoring information they request to ensure that any grant awarded has been spent in accordance with this application and any other terms and conditions.
- Grant funding may be subject to additional terms and conditions, which will be made available to you if your application is successful

I confirm that the information given in this application is a fair and accurate description of our group and our proposed project.

I am authorised to apply for funding on behalf of the group and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the grants process.

Name

John Boler

Position in Organisation

Trustee and Administrator

Signature

Date

28 January 2026

This completed application forms, copy of your financial accounts, bank statement and any other supporting documents should be returned to:

Attention: The Clerk, Goring-on-Thames Parish Council, Gardiner Pavilion, Upper Red Cross Road, Goring, RG8 9BD