



## GRANT APPLICATION FORM

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

### Section A: The Organisation

Name of Organisation

The Goring and Streatley Festival

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?

14 years

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  N/A (no employment)

Do you have an annual record of accounts?

Yes  No

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

Please describe your group's main activities:

The Goring and Streatley Festival ("GAP Festival") is a biennial cultural event designed as a celebration of arts in our culturally thriving community.

Our aim is to provide cultural events that enrich communities within the Goring Gap and surrounding villages by

- bringing professional performances to the Goring Gap for all to enjoy
- showcasing young and aspiring local musicians and artists
- providing opportunities for latent talent to experience public performance
- encouraging wider community spirit and cohesion

### Section B: The Grant

What is the Grant For?

The GAP Festival has been organised bi-annually since 2012 (with a break for COVID) and given audiences from villages across South Oxfordshire the chance to enjoy and participate in music, art, theatre, comedy and other cultural events. The 2026 Festival will take place in June and the huge organisational effort has and will be carried out by volunteers on a completely voluntary basis. Many events are put on free of charge and because the available venues have a relatively small capacity and the trustees want to keep the ticket prices accessible for the community as a whole. Other events are loss-making other than for the support of sponsors.



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Some of the events this year include:

The GAP Festival Family Day: Wonders of the Natural World on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June will provide the opportunity for children and adults to step into a day of discovery.

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> the '*Discover. Create. Perform!*' event will be our first ever performing arts day where participants can learn a new skill and put it into practice at a live performance event.

To encourage local audiences and publicise the festival programme, a brochure will be produced and distributed to each home in Goring during March 2026. The overall cost is approximately £4,800 and a proportion of the grant would be put to this purpose.

Who will benefit from the grant if approved?

Producing and distributing a quality brochure will promote the cultural life of the village and encourage the residents to take up the opportunities to attend and participate in events. As the brochure will be hand delivered to every home in Goring, the benefit to all residents will be equal and it will broaden the appeal of the events to some people who may not otherwise be aware the events are taking place.

Those who are already aware of the festival or are digitally-literate can get the relevant information from the website and social media outlets. However a large proportion of the local audience would miss the opportunities without a physical brochure. The brochure has been widely praised in past years for informing residents of events.

Events such as The Great Community Showcase: A La Carte will enhance awareness of village activities and encourage participation in the cultural, arts and sports events this year and for years to come. The family day on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June will bring the community together. The overall cost is approximately £2,000 and £1,200 of the grant would be put to this purpose.

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

The Festival works to increase the standing and improve the image of the village with recognition in press and media outlets and we will recognise the key contributors to allowing the programme of events to take place as part of the media promotion. The brochure and media coverage will encourage participation in village life and additional visitors to the local businesses



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How much are you applying for?

£6,000 grant

How many people will benefit from the monies?

All residents of Goring and Streatley  
Attendees from across Oxfordshire

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

Yes

No

If Yes, please provide details.

We have tried to raise funds from local businesses to cover the costs associated with the brochure but with a low success rate in the current economic environment.

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?

If the funds were not available, the brochure would either not be produced, produced in a lower quantity, or produced in a less effective online format that does not reach the desired audience directly. Other options would be considered but none are likely to achieve the current aims and promote the festival as effectively.

If successful your grant will be paid directly in to 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.

Direct Payment to bank account is preferred

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

Item	Cost	Funded From
Brochure Design work	1,700	Funds raised from grant and limited advertising
Brochure Printing	2,600	
Brochure Distribution	500	
A la carte - Marquee	400	
A la carte - Trailer and Equipment Hire	800	
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>6,000</b>	



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## **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

Geoff Brown

Position in Organisation

Trustee

Signature

Date

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