

UK Local Councils - Grant Application Form

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Name of Organisation :

Friends of St Peters, Great Berkhamsted

Name :

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What is the nature of your organisation's activity? :

Launched in May 2013, we work to preserve, restore and improve the fabric of St Peter's Church, its monuments and churchyards in Berkhamsted. We encourage a wider appreciation of the building and its grounds as a rich store of local and architectural history. The Friends have been successful in implementing the restoration of Rectory Lane Cemetery and transforming it from 'Dead Space to Living Place'.

Is your organisation a registered charity? Yes/No number :

Yes

Further Details: Charity No. 1160314

Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, any national organisation? If yes please give details :

National Federation of Cemetery Friends

What is the catchment area covered by your organisation? :

Berkhamsted, Dacorum, and with links through those buried in the Cemetery across the world.

Briefly describe the project or purpose for which you require a grant :

With the capital works completed, the Cemetery management going forward now rests with the volunteer team. We are seeking to implement a sustainable future. A key requirement is to establish an optimum site and grass management regime for our 3-acre site. We are aiming to purchase a range of electric, heavy-duty equipment for managing the grass and keeping paths, benches etc clean. These will ensure a neighbourly 'noiseless' and more energy-efficient operation. We intend to use a single manufacturer to ensure that batteries and chargers are interchangeable. Our volunteers will build a secure shed (CCTV protected) to house them.

How will the project benefit the community or residents of Berkhamsted? :

The project has attracted £1.25 million of investment between 2017-2020 transforming the three-acre cemetery into a vital heritage asset and beautiful green space. The Cemetery is now a much more attractive, safer, well-stewarded place, and is somewhere the community of Berkhamsted can now be proud of and feel connected to. Comments received since the Cemetery re-opened on November 1st 2020 have been generous and enthusiastic:

Thank you and your team for creating a piece of delight for the whole community. As one of our friends commented it means we have two stunning restoration projects in Berkhamsted, the other being the Rex.

You have created a very special place indeed for our community ... each time I come here I've seen all sorts of people, from the youngest to the oldest and all in between, connecting with the beautiful surroundings as well as each other. A perfect combination of inspiration and reflection – just right for our times'.

The Project has been Longlisted for the RIBA MacEwen award.

Trips through the Cemetery are already totalling over 80,000 a year. Over 100 volunteers now assist the Project through working parties and, pre Covid, helped run highly successful events such as BerkoBookFest and Heritage Open Days. With the new Garden of Remembrance, the Cemetery has again become an active place of commemoration. In nurturing biodiversity, encouraging wildlife and recycling through composting and focussing on minimising use of resources, the project demonstrates the role cemeteries can play in encouraging sustainability.

Is your organisation VAT registered? Yes/No number :

No

When do you intend to start the project? :

March 2021

Estimated Cost of Project (Please provide a breakdown of the total cost of your project) :

Materials for Shed - £800

Electric Equipment -

2x Husqvarna 5351 Strimmers (£1030)

Batteries and chargers (£730)

2x Husqvarna LC5531VX Cordless Mowers (£2198) Batteries and chargers (£730) 1x Husqvarana

530iBX Cordless Blower (£369) Batteries and chargers (£365)

1 Husqvarna PW 450 Pressure Washer (£750) Total £6,972

VAT (if applicable) :

Total estimated cost of project :

£6,972

Funds immediately available from your organisation :

£2,000

Funds that you intend to raise yourself from events :

Not a reliable source in the current Covid crisis, and hence the need also to source this funding.

Grants or loans applied for / confirmed from other organisations :

Grants requested from Berkhamsted Town Council :

£5,000

Total funding of project :
£7,000

Please give details of any reserves or savings held by your organisation :
Please see attached documents. The remaining balance comprises restricted funds to pay for the final year of delivering the Activity Plan for the Cemetery.

Who should cheque be made payable to? :

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