

WILMSLOW TOWN COUNCIL



COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Name of Organisation:

St Bartholomew's Church, Wilmslow, Food Friend Project

1. Contact Details

1.1 Address of Organisation:

Church Street, Wilmslow, SK9 4AA

1.2 Contact Name(s)/Position(s):

Church and Food Friend Project Manager

1.3 Contact Telephone Number(s):

1.4 Email address:

2. **Organisation /Club Profile**

2.1. Applicant Aims and Objectives (Mission Statement).

Please detail your aims and objectives. Please include in this details of how your organisation benefits the local community of Wilmslow.

The Church of St Bartholomew aims to serve Wilmslow by providing a wide range of Christian acts of worship and by acting as a focal point for the local community. It is a place used by many members of the community for baptisms, weddings and funerals. It is also increasingly used by schools for services and teaching purposes and for concerts and other community events such as the Arts Trail. It provides care and support for members of the community through projects such as Food Friend and the use of the premises by the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

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2.2 Is the Organisation a registered charity or intending to apply for charitable status?

Yes Intending to Register No

2.3 Charity Registration Number:

1131056

2.4 If Your organisation is not a registered charity please indicate which of the following applies to you:

Voluntary Organisation

Community Group

Not-for-profit organisation

Social Enterprise

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2.5 Please give details of your membership and the geographical area the Organisation covers/draws its membership from.

Membership is open to everyone. The majority come from the local community of Wilmslow, although some live further afield in Handforth. Our age range is very broad, from the old to young adults.

2.6 Is membership restricted in anyway?

No

2.7 Background information about the Organisation
(Please supply any leaflets/brochures/etc)

3. Previous funding

3.1 Has your organisation ever received funding from Wilmslow Town Council before?

3.2 Please State:

Date

Dec 2015
Sep 2017

Amount

£ 5,000
£ 3,000

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4. Your Project or Event

4.1 How much money are you requesting? £ 5,000 .

4.2 Please give full details of how the grant would be used. Please give detail of the grant you are requesting. Please itemise the costs in terms of project/ event expenditure or items that would be purchased. *Please include quotes for items where applicable.*

The PCC of Wilmslow parish would like to apply for this money in order to enable us to continue our extended food bank project ("Food Friend"). This project began in 2011 as an attempt to provide support for individuals and families who for whatever reason found themselves unable to "put food on their table".

The aim is to provide short term assistance for clients in the SK9 area until they are able to access benefits or employment.

With the support of Wilmslow Town Council we extended this provision in January 2014 by having the church open 5 mornings per week and the project run by a trained counsellor. We presently have over 250 households registered with the scheme and have also been helping a few homeless people right on our doorstep. We wish to be able to continue this work.

Numbers of people using our service is rising at the moment due to many people falling through the gaps with the rolling out of universal credit; often having to wait 6 weeks for benefits to come through.

In December 2017 our balance was £11,336.19. In July 2018 it was £6,730.22. Another £5,000 would enable us to "top up" the funds of the project for another year.

4.3 If the funding is for an event and you make a profit, please indicate how this will be us

N/A

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4.4 Please state how it will benefit the Wilmslow Community.

Given the demand for assistance from Food Friend over the last few years, it is clear that the current economic climate - and now changes with the benefits system - has meant that a significant number of local individuals and families are genuinely struggling to provide food for themselves. The church wishes to support such members of the community by providing short term assistance to as many people as possible in the SK9 area until they are able once again to support themselves.

It has further been our experience that people in this kind of situation and in an increasingly fragmented society, also find themselves isolated or under considerable emotional strain of one form or another. This is why having a trained counsellor running the project is of such benefit; to offer a listening ear.

We have also found that our clients come seeking information about other sources of support e.g. housing or legal issues. We are increasingly linking them or networking with other agencies such as CAB in order to help support them.

A number of young people from Wilmslow High School have volunteered at Food Friend as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. This gives them an insight into the wider social issues and concerns in the area. Three young people with special needs are involved with their carers in collecting and sorting food.

Sometimes food bank clients 'give back' when they are back on their feet by helping maintain the Church grounds, for example.

The aim of this project is, therefore, to try to benefit the Wilmslow community by meeting the needs of some of its most vulnerable members in the ways described above. The church sees this as a fundamental part of its work in the community, but needs financial assistance from other bodies such as the Town Council in order to fulfil this role.

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4.5 Have you, or do you intend to apply for grant support from any other source?

Yes

No

4.6 Please attach a breakdown of anticipated sources of funds.

An application to the Co-op

Approaching 2 individual donors

A charity concert and sponsored walk of the Cheshire Ring in 4 days in September

Encouraging congregation members to increase their support; and the wider community through our website etc.

Harvest – we get substantial donations of food from local schools

4.7 If a grant were forthcoming, would the Organisation be prepared to perform/contribute at/to a Wilmslow Town Council organised function? Please give details:

On the parish website we have a FoodFriend page on which we acknowledge the support of the Town Council. We would be happy to contribute or be involved in any other appropriate way and to acknowledge the support of the Town Council in the local press etc.

5 Monitoring

5.6 Events: Please identify the people you expect to benefit from your project / event.

Age Range	Current	Forecast
Young people up to 18 (total)	15	30
Young people up to 18 with a disability	3	3
Young people up to 18 from an ethnic minority group.	3	7
Adults 18-64 (total)	250	300
Adults 18-64 with a disability	10	14
Adults 18-64 from an ethnic minority group	10	14
Senior citizens 65 and over (total)	30	40
Senior citizens 65 and over with a disability	5	10
Senior citizens 65 and over from an ethnic minority group.	2	4
Total (unable to forecast as above)		