

WILMSLOW TOWN COUNCIL



COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Name of Organisation:

Colshaw Estate Tenants & Residents Association

1. Contact Details

1.1 Address of Organisation:

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

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1.3 Contact Telephone Number(s):

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1.4 Email address:

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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.

Colshaw Farm is a development of social and privately owned affordable and shared ownership housing within Cheshire East built mostly in the 1970's. It ranks within the top 15% of areas of deprivation nationally (ONS Census info 2011) and has amongst the highest levels of unemployment and health issues within Cheshire East. The aims of CETRA are to liaise with Riverside and other professional groups with the aim of improving conditions and quality of life for tenants and residents

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

Yes

Intending to Register

No

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2.3 Charity Registration Number:

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

Voluntary Organisation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Community Group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Not-for-profit Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Social Enterprise	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Details: <input type="text"/>

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

All tenants and residents of Colshaw Estate are entitled to membership and support

2.6 Is membership restricted in anyway?

No membership restrictions apply

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

Amount

£ .

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4. Your Project or Event

4.1 How much money are you requesting? £1,000 .

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.*

We have recently applied to Riverside Housing to purchase a second hand mini bus from the Handforth MagBus Group has run successfully since acquiring a mini bis from Cheshire East Council in 2017, providing a facility for the elderly and disabled residents of Handforth to access areas otherwise prohibited by the lack of public transport. Included in their thrice weekly trips are Wythenshawe Civic Centre, Stockport Town Centre, Ashton Market, Bury Market, John Lewis/Sainsbury, Cheadle Town Centre, Baguley Shopping Centre, Altrincham Market and various social and entertainment activities.

CETRA feels the purchase of the MAGBus would be of huge benefit to the Colshaw Farm Community as being in the same Ward as Handforth have in recent years lost their 378 bus route to Stockport and their 130 bus route to Manchester as this bus now only runs between Macclesfield and Handforth. This greatly limits the choice for local residents of shopping facilities and excludes travel to hospitals within the Greater Manchester area such as Stepping Hill, Wythenshawe and The Christie Hospital.

Not only would the purchase of the MAGBus permit a wider variety of travel, like Handforth, many of the older population on the estate suffer from isolation and loneliness, in a recent survey, almost 50% of the MAGBus members confirmed they use the service as much for social interaction and company as for the practical purposes of travel.

The service would be open to all residents although priority would be given to disabled and elderly residents and those suffering from health/mental health issues. The bus could also be used for social events and hospital visits should demand require this service.

CETRA have applied for a grant of £2000 from Riverside Housing which has been agreed in principle, we are seeking from WTC a grant of £1000 to enable us to provide insurance for the bus for 12 months, this cost is comparable with that paid by the Handforth MAGBus group and the policy will be held with Wrightsure Insurance Group who are specialised insurers. Quotes will be forwarded upon receipt. If we are able to secure this grant and ask Oakmere children's centre to provide secure parking for the bus, Riverside have agreed to approve the capital cost grant.

We will also require a further £700 (approximately per annum for Loler quarterly testing for the tail lift certificate and for MOT, repairs etc although we do intend approaching local motor repairers for favourable rates or sponsorship of maintenance. We have identified other possible sources of funding for these costs and for ongoing running costs (fuel, parking etc)

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

4.4 Please state how it will benefit the Wilmslow Community.

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.

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:

Yes and to provide transport for Colshaw Estate Residents to attend any WTC function or event

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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)	0	
Young people up to 18 with a disability	0	
Young people up to 18 from an ethnic minority group.	0	
Adults 18-64 (total)	0	
Adults 18-64 with a disability	0	
Adults 18-64 from an ethnic minority group	0	
Senior citizens 65 and over (total)	0	
Senior citizens 65 and over with a disability	0	
Senior citizens 65 and over from an ethnic minority group.	0	
Total (unable to forecast as above)	0	

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Supporting Documentation attached (Please tick to indicate attachment)

	Tick
Breakdown of anticipated funding	
and Audited accounts for the last 12 months	
or Most up-to-date accounts	
or New start-up groups – financial statement regarding proposed budget	
and Recent Bank Statement (see 7)	✓

6 Additional Information

Please add any additional information that is not covered elsewhere on the application form but that you consider to be relevant to your application.

It is proposed the bus would run on a similar scheme to that currently practiced, with volunteer drivers (the only requirement is that they be over 25 and have held a full driving licence for at least 2 years), shopping trips would take place 2/3 times a week with increases as required once demand was known. The service would be open to all residents although priority would be given to disabled and elderly residents and those suffering from health/mental health issues. The bus could also be used for social events and hospital visits should demand require this service.

Due to the imminent award from the National Lottery and the new bus they have selected already being available, the purchase would need to take place as soon as possible and funding approval is therefore required as a matter of urgency.

We feel this project will provide an ongoing opportunity for support for the elderly and disabled as well as those suffering health issues in providing travel services no longer available in the area, will provide the prospect of combatting loneliness and isolation and also give people more choice for improved budgeting and meal planning capability.

It will bring more community cohesion with more active volunteers being available to the community and the chance for social and entertainment events which are currently not available due to no night bus services.

We also feel it will help the neighbourhood and environment by enabling people to leave their own cars at home and use community transport for short shopping trips or to travel further afield perhaps to places like Bury where they would be unlikely to travel alone.

We are also working hard to bring lots of young, new volunteers into the Tenants and Residents Association to improve not only the environment of the estate but also to bring new groups and activities for residents to enjoy, the bus is just one of these exciting plans.

CETRA are happy to acknowledge any contribution Wilmslow Town Council may make to this project with a decal logo on the bus which will be placed for all sponsors.

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Breakdown of Funding

Capital Costs – purchase of mini bus (Riverside Housing)	2000.00
Insurance (Wilmslow Town Council via this application)	1000.00
Maintenance/LOLER Testing (Wilmslow Aid Trust)	700.00
Running Costs (Annual Costs Fuel/Parking etc) (CETRA)	720.00