



COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND APPLICATION

Please answer all questions which are relevant to your organisation – failure to do so may result in a delay in the determination of your application

PROJECT (In no more than 25 words)	Flourish & Flow - Weekly club activities for young people with additional needs: yoga, art and other creativity in a relaxed and friendly space.	GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED	£1,928
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Contact Details

Q1 Name of organisation making application:

.....The Grange Gang (GG's).....

Name of contact for this application

Title: Miss

First Name: Julie

Surname: Brotherton

Position held in the organisation: Youth Worker Manager

Contact Address, including full postcode:

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Postcode: ████████

Contact Telephone Number: ██████████

Email address: ████████████████████

About your organisation

Q2 What type of organisation are you?

Tick (✓) relevant category:

Registered Charity: () Charity Registration Number
Voluntary Organisation: (x)
Company Limited by Guarantee: () Company Number
Other – Please specify:

Q3 When was your organisation established?

November 2021.....

Q4 Briefly describe your organisation.

Describe your organisation, including how many members/users you have, whether there is a subscription fee and the usual activities/services you provide.
If you are a new organisation, describe the services/activities you plan to provide.

We are a Youth group for young people with additional needs aged 11-25. We have over 30 young people registered at present. We charge £3 per session which goes towards the rent of the building and to help pay for activities. We do art and craft, sports, music and cooking activities as well as relaxation, support and signposting to other organisations if necessary. We also provide volunteering opportunities for staff and young people. In addition, we support young people to go out on social occasions. For example, for meals out, and to the Panto each year. This promotes independence and gives the young people self-confidence and self esteem. Our regular weekly sessions provide routine for the young people which is very important as most of our group are autistic. The sessions also provide parents and/or carers with a break.

Q5 If you are a subsidiary of a larger organisation, please state which one.

N/A

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Q6 Does your organisation have an agreed Constitution or Memorandum of Association?

Please state which and attach a copy: We have a Constitution

Q7 What is your primary source of funding?

National Lottery Awards for All Grant

Details of the project or activity you are planning

Q8 Describe the projects/activity you plan to use this grant for.

i. Try to be specific about what you will do and how you will do it.

As part of our weekly youth club for young adults with additional needs (aged 11–25), led by experienced youth workers, we will:

- Offer 12 specialist yoga sessions to help young people improve flexibility, strength, balance, and coordination. Yoga also supports muscles, joints, and overall movement skills, while helping participants become more aware of their bodies. This is particularly beneficial for neurodiverse young people, as it supports sensory needs and body awareness.
- Provide creative activities such as arts, crafts, and music to build life skills, confidence, and social connections. These activities give young people new ways to learn and express themselves, improve hand skills, and encourage friendships in a fun, supportive environment

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ii. Please state how you have identified this need and how the project will benefit the people of Shrewsbury, together with the estimated time span. If you are seeking continuation funding for this project, please provide evidence for this continued need.

The majority of the young people who attend our club are autistic, while others have Down syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, or learning difficulties such as Global Delay. Some need one-to-one support to participate fully, especially if they take longer to learn new skills. The club now regularly supports 18–20 young people each week, with over 30 registered. Families really value the chance to meet, share experiences, and support each other, saying it helps reduce feelings of isolation.

Shrewsbury has very few services for young people with additional needs, and we are seeing growing demand.

From our experience, some of our young people are very energetic and have short attention spans, so they need focused, hands-on activities. The yoga, arts and crafts activities programmed over 12 months will help them relax, reduce anxiety, and feel more in control, as well as increase social interaction.

iiii. How many people from the Parish of Shrewsbury do you expect to benefit directly from your project or activity?

50+

iv. Please indicate which of the key pillars of the Council's Vision are met and how:

Pillars	Met	How
Building Resilient Communities For Shrewsbury	✓	Bringing together young people with additional needs in Shrewsbury in a friendly and welcoming space. Helping them to stay healthy, make friends, and feel included in the community.
Supporting Shrewsbury Residents To Live Active And Healthy Lives Through The Provision Of Quality Services	✓	Providing activities that improve mental and physical wellbeing and support young people who find self-regulation difficult
Preserving Shrewsbury's Heritage		
Creating A Greener And Better-connected Shrewsbury		
Maintaining A Sustainable, Resilient And Efficient Organisation		
Taking Positive Action To Tackle Climate Change		

Q9 What criteria will be used to measure the success of the project and how many people from the Parish of Shrewsbury do you expect to benefit from it?

We anticipate that young people will:

- show improvements in physical skills such as flexibility, strength, balance, coordination, and body awareness
- gain confidence and life skills and feel more able to express themselves
- develop stronger friendships and social connections, and engage positively with peers

We will assess these changes through:

- observations
 - feedback from young people and their families/carers
 - attendance logs
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Health & Safety

Q10 What, if any, special safety issues are related to your project/activity?

Please provide the following information:

- i. What kind of insurance does your organisation have?

.....We have specific cover for Youth groups including Liability cover.

- ii. Do the leaders have the relevant qualifications and/or experience?

Yes, the Lead Youth worker is professionally qualified and has 27 years' experience, working in many different types of youth groups. We also have other qualified youth workers and a volunteer who has over 25 years' experience working at Severndale school as well as being neuro-diverse herself. Other volunteers are parents of young people who attend our group.

- iii. What policies does your organisation have in place (i.e. Health and Safety, Child Protection/Safeguarding, working with vulnerable adults, Equal Opportunities, CRB Checks etc.)? *You may be required to submit copies of your policies.*

We have Safeguarding policies and procedures, Health and safety, Equal Opportunities, and all staff and volunteers have enhanced DBS checks.

Funding of your project

Q11 Previous Applications

If you have applied for and received funding from Shrewsbury Town Council in the past please provide details of the amount, the year and briefly what the funding was used for.

Year	Project Description	Award £
	N/A	

Q12 Project Funding

Please provide details of the amount of funding you need for your project and give us a breakdown of what the money is for (please enclose any relevant estimates or details).

Tell us the amount of grant requested £1928 and provide a detailed breakdown as to how you have reached this figure

Project Expenditure Please list all items of expenditure for your project	Amount of Project
Youth worker fees	£7,908
Yoga instructor fees	£ 600
Art/craft/creative materials	£ 792
	£
	£
Total	£ 9,300
Project Income Please list how the project shall be funded	
National Lottery Awards for All	£ 6,872
Co-operative fund	£ 100
Heart of England (IM Properties) Fund	£ 200
Police & Crime Commissioner Fund	£ 200
	£ 7,372
What is the difference? This should be the same as the amount of Grant you are applying for	£ 1,928

Q13 Covering a Shortfall

If the Town Council makes an offer less than the amount requested, how will that impact on the Project and how will you cover the shortfall?

We would need to look for other sources of funding, and if unsuccessful, we would not be able to provide the named activities.

Q14 Sustainability

What plans do you have in place to ensure that your organisation becomes more sustainable and less reliant on grant funding, particularly from the Town Council?

We are in the process of looking at our organisational structure. Funding from National Lottery Awards for All has paid for some consultancy time to help us identify what is needed to make The Grange Gang strong and we have recently met with staff from the Shropshire Infrastructure Partnership to consider the most appropriate structure to support us to thrive. We anticipate applying to be a Community Interest Company in 2026.

Your Accounts

Q15 Please provide the following details from your most recent annual accounts

Total Income	£ 9,375
Less Total Expenditure	£ 18,027
Surplus / Loss	£ -8,652
Savings (Reserves, Cash, Investments)	£ 20,034

Please provide a copy of your most recent annual audited accounts or, in the case of newly established organisations, the projected income and expenditure for the next twelve months.

You need to include these documents with this application.

Account Details

Q16 Please provide your bank or building society account details

You can only apply for grant if you have a bank/building society account in the name of your organisation. We will only pay grants into an account which requires at least two people to sign each cheque or withdrawal. **These people should not be related.**

Account name: [REDACTED]

Sort Code: [REDACTED] Account Number: [REDACTED]

Bank/building society name: [REDACTED]

Bank/building society address [REDACTED]

Who are the signatories and what position do they hold in your organisation?

- 1 Name [REDACTED] Position Youth Worker Manager
- 2 Name [REDACTED] Position Evaluation, Research and Strategic planning officer
- 3 Name [REDACTED] Position Youth Worker

Any Other Information

Q17 Any other information which you consider to be relevant to your application.

Julie Brotherton also works for Shrewsbury Town Council as a Youth Worker working at generic youth clubs.

Declarations

Q18 Declaration

Please give details of a senior member of your organisation.

For example, this may be your Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary. They must read the application and sign below. **(This must not be the main contact name in Q1).**

I confirm, on behalf of The Grange Gang (GG's) (insert name of organisation):

That I am authorised to sign this declaration on its behalf, and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all replies are true and accurate.

I confirm that I have read the Terms and Conditions set out in the Notes which accompanied this application and further confirm that this application is made on the basis that if successful, the organisation will be bound to use the grant only for the purpose specified in this application, and will have to comply with those Terms and Conditions and any others which the Council might attach to the Grant.

Post held in organisation: Youth Worker Manager

Title: [REDACTED] First Name : [REDACTED] Surname: [REDACTED]

Organisation address:

[REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Signed: [REDACTED] Date: 05/03/2026

Q19 Signature of Person Completing the Application

This must be the signature of the person named in Q1 as the main contact and **not be the same person who has signed in Q18**

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information in this application from is true and correct. I understand that you may ask for additional information at any stage of the application process.

Signed: [REDACTED] Date: 05/03/2026

Checklist

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|   | Have you answered every question? | X |
| 2. | Have all signatures been completed? | ☒ |
|   | Have you included a copy of your constitution? | ☒ |
| 4. | Have you included a copy of your most recent accounts? | ☒ |
|   | Please state any supporting documents you are submitting: | |

Please return your completed application form to:

Town Clerk

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