



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)	Increasing Shrewsbury's food resilience	GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED	£3,000
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Contact Details

Q1 Name of organisation making application:
Shropshire Good Food Partnership

Name of contact for this application

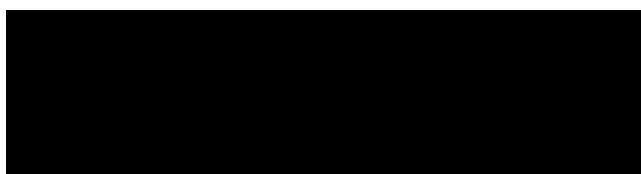
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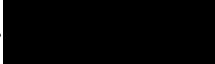
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Position held in the organisation:

Director.....

Contact Address, including full 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: ()

Company Limited by Guarantee: () Company Number

Other – Please specify: Community Interest Company Registration Number 13773694

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.

Shropshire Good Food Partnership brings people together to create a resilient local food system good for people, place and planet. Our food system is at increasing risk from changing weather, biodiversity loss and war. People on the lowest incomes are the most affected. We bring farmers, councils, health authorities, food businesses and communities together to build resilience.

Through this collaboration we have established the Right To Grow on disused Shropshire council land; increased the uptake of regenerative farming by strengthening farmer clusters and knowledge-sharing and increased access to healthy food for deprived communities. Three years ago we initiated the [Marches Food Network](#) to share learning and deliver structural change.

Projects include:

- Our School Food Webs project enabled 1500 students at 20 schools to reduce their school's carbon footprint and eat more healthily, learning growing and cooking skills, reducing food waste and setting up 17 hot bin composters to cut costs and fertilise growing. Four schools now employ their own cooks, enabling greater procurement autonomy. Four Shrewsbury schools took part: Radbrook, Coleham CE and Grange Primaries; Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic School.
- Our [Healthy Eating pilot at Grove, Market Drayton](#) has empowered 180 young people to understand the food system including Ultra-Processed Food. The project has built teamwork and co-operation as well as new skills in growing and cooking. Activities have included food conversations, cooking a community meal for their families, "Eat Club" food system live days and growing at the new school allotment.

- Our [Feeding Resilience pilot](#) worked across 3 Telford wards, including neighbourhoods ranked among the 10% most deprived nationally. We engaged 200 residents through community growing, cooking and shared meals, strengthening local connections and access to healthy food. We linked community food groups, secured council land for a new community garden, strengthened collaboration between groups and recruited 15 volunteers for them.

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:Articles of Association

Q7 What is your primary source of funding?

Our primary source of funding is grants from Trusts and Foundations. In the last year this has included national funders Sustain, Let's Go Zero and The A Team, as well as local funders such as Wrekin Housing Association, Market Drayton Action For Health, Veolia and Wynne Foundation.

We recently acted as lead author on a successful Climate Action Funding Bid for the 4 Marches Food Partnerships (Shropshire, Powys, Herefordshire and Monmouthshire) which is due to start in September 2026. Over a 4 year period this will enable us to deliver 3 "community labs" in Shropshire including Shrewsbury to increase food resilience through community led projects in growing, cooking or sharing food and developing links to local farmers and growers with subsidised veg boxes for families on low incomes, starting to address long term resilience needs.

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.

This project will enable Shrewsbury Town Council (STC) to build an effective, collaborative approach for increasing food resilience. Food resilience is ensuring that communities can continue to access sufficient, healthy food even during periods of disruption. This project will enable STC to respond to the expected significant impact of food price increases on Shrewsbury residents, building on existing assets.

We will provide research and facilitation support to STC to develop a collaborative plan for action to minimise the impacts of food price increases and shortages on Shrewsbury Residents. The work will comprise the following activities over a 3-month timescale:

- Launch meeting with Shrewsbury Town Council representatives to agree the detailed plan of work
- Consultation with key stakeholders such as Shropshire Food Poverty Alliance, Shrewsbury Food Bank, Shrewsbury Food Hub and Shropshire Council's Emergency Planning and Resilience Team to:
 - understand the assets the response can build on
 - the current food situation: who is currently experiencing food insecurity
 - the potential impact of further food price increases on Shrewsbury's residents
 - the capacity of existing infrastructure to meet these additional needs and potential solutions.
- Collaborative planning sessions with Shrewsbury Town Council, community groups and representatives. These will comprise one town-wide planning session (on-line, 1.5 hours) and three in-person meetings in the wards most likely to be affected:
 - To build a common understanding of the risks and potential impact on Shrewsbury residents;

- To identify potential solutions and prioritise actions, short term and long-term, easy wins and options which will require investment.

Whilst we will work through our networks, we would value the assistance of councillors in convening residents and community groups in three of the wards which are most likely to be affected (Harlescott, Monkmoor, Meole Brace, Castlefields and Ditherington and Sundorne, see need below). We will seek to engage those with lived experience of food poverty.

- Development of a brief report, outline strategy and action plan with STC's team and a review meeting to clarify next steps.
- 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.**

There is an urgent need to plan for dealing with short-term impacts of food price increases expected this winter, to reduce the impact on Shrewsbury residents. This need has been identified through research and consultation with local organisations¹.

Food prices are expected to increase by at least 9% by the end of the year².

Combined with fuel price increases, this will put intense pressure on household budgets in the short term. Food prices are already nearly 40% higher than 2022.

³Further impacts are likely to follow, such as the effect of fertiliser and fuel price increases/shortages on food supply and the risk of job losses from wider economic disruption. In addition, a strong El Nino event which increases the risk of extreme weather events such as heatwaves and droughts has been declared⁴

As the temperature drops this winter, we can expect to see increasing numbers of people in Shrewsbury needing support with food to protect their wellbeing. Those who are already food insecure, who are currently just coping and who are workless will have to choose between eating and heating.

A healthy diet is already beyond the reach of many people on the lowest 20% of incomes and small increases in food prices can rapidly flip them into food poverty⁵:

¹ Discussions with Shropshire Food Poverty Alliance, Shrewsbury Food Hub, Marches Energy Agency and Shrewsbury Food Bank.

² <https://www.fdf.org.uk/fdf/news-media/press-releases/2026/fdf-revises-food-inflation-forecast-to-at-least-9-by-the-end-of-2026/>

³ <https://foodfoundation.org.uk/news/food-prices-tracker-june-2026v>

⁴ <https://wmo.int/news/media-centre/el-nino-forecast-intensify-increasing-likelihood-of-extreme-weather>

⁵ Food Foundation 2025 [The Broken Plate](#) p.30. Healthier food now costs more than twice per calorie than less healthy options. Their [2026 research](#) showed that 53% of households with children were cutting back on fruit and 40% veg. [Shropshire's Health Weight Strategy](#) 2023-2028 reported that 14% of the population were experiencing food poverty, whilst 53% feel 'priced out' of healthy food.

45% of disposable income is needed to eat a healthy diet as defined by the Eat Well Guide, rising to 70% for households with children. Areas of Harlescott, Monkmoor, Meole Brace, Castlefields and Ditherington and Sundorne are in the 20% most deprived in England and are at high risk.

Research has highlighted how vulnerable the UK food system is due to our high reliance on imports, more extreme weather from climate change causing increasing drought and flood⁶, biodiversity loss⁷ and risks such as IT failures, which have already affected M & S and Co-op. Preparing for this winter will provide the building blocks of a longer term food resilience plan.

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

420

Whilst the project aims to increase the food resilience of the whole town of Shrewsbury, it will benefit directly those people who are on the lowest incomes by strengthening the food support network. This number is hard to estimate, but we have assumed a trebling of food bank support needed, which was the situation in COVID. The current numbers using the Food Bank are about 140 per week.

Collaborative planning through this project will clarify:

- what support people in the most affected areas prioritise;
- what is needed to enable the Food Bank's ability to respond to increased demand, what role the Shrewsbury Food Hub and other community groups can play.

It will enable STC to set in place plans to support these community assets and communicate clearly to the public.

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	X	This project will increase the food resilience of Shrewsbury Residents by developing a co-ordinated response to mitigate against expected food price spikes and shortages in 2026/27.
Supporting Shrewsbury Residents To Live Active And Healthy Lives Through The Provision Of Quality Services		

⁶ <https://nationalpreparednesscommission.uk/publications/just-in-case-7-steps-to-narrow-the-uk-civil-food-resilience-gap/>

⁷ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nature-security-assessment-on-global-biodiversity-loss-ecosystem-collapse-and-national-security>

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?

The outputs from the project will be an outline strategy and action plan which will form the basis of Shrewsbury Town Council's ability to respond to the coming food challenges. The outcomes will be increased trust and collaboration between the Council and community groups and an increased ability to mitigate against the impacts of the coming food challenges through preparation. The success of the project will be measured against delivery of the outputs and through a questionnaire to participants to identify changes in levels of trust, willingness to and preparedness and to identify any further steps needed.

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 Public Liability Insurance £5m and Employers Liability £10m.

Do the leaders have the relevant qualifications and/or experience?

Our team brings extensive experience of food resilience:

- [REDACTED] will manage the project, ensuring that we deliver outputs on time and bringing expertise in food resilience. She is leading Sustainable Food Place's national work on Food Resilience (report in attachments) and has developed a Food Resilience Strategy for Bishops Castle. Her practical work to increase food resilience includes food education work at her small holding and running workshops with communities to understand risk, "back casting" how crisis scenarios develop and how their impact can be minimised. She has a doctorate in food policy.

- [REDACTED] will provide support on facilitation and analysis. She brings experience of managing risks within organisations and practical experience of supporting food resilience in Shrewsbury and Shropshire during the COVID pandemic when she was manager of the Shrewsbury Food Hub. She also co-founded Shropshire Food Poverty Alliance.
- ii. 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 a Safeguarding Policy, Equality and Diversity Policy, Antibribery Policy and Privacy Policy.

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 £...3000..... 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
Research & Facilitation 12.25 days @£230 per day	£2, 820
Food for Community Meetings	£80
Travel	£100
	£
	£
Total	£3,000
Project Income Please list how the project shall be funded	0
We have not secured match funding for this project, but have secured funding from the Climate Action Fund for longer term food resilience work which will support STCs Action plan through an 18 month community led project in Shrewsbury which will start in 2027 or 2028.	£
	£
	£
	£
What is the difference?	£3000

This should be the same as the amount of Grant you are applying for	
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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 could in agreement with Shrewsbury Town Council reduce the scope of work. However, we have tried to provide a coherent minimum scope to support STC in preparing for the coming food challenges.

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?

As described in funding above we actively seek funds from multiple sources. However, we believe that this is work that Shrewsbury Town Council needs to carryout to support the Residents of Shrewsbury.

Your Accounts

Q15 Please provide the following details from your most recent annual accounts (31st March 2025)

Total Income	£134,657
Less Total Expenditure	£134,657
Surplus / Loss	£0
Savings (Reserves, Cash, Investments)	£0

Please note: As a CIC, we do not hold free reserves. We manage our financial sustainability by carrying forward funds from the previous year specifically allocated to cover our core operating costs such as our financial admin, basic project co-ordinator costs and insurance. For 25-26, we allocated £17,470 of the budget to core, which fully covered these essential core operating costs. As additional core funds come in during the year, we allocate these between the current year and the next year. We review our financial position monthly and have an in-depth financial review quarterly.

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

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You can only apply for a grant if you have a bank/building society account in the name of the organisation applying. 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]

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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?

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|----|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Name ... [REDACTED] | Position Director..... |
| 2 | Name ... [REDACTED] . | Position Director..... |
| 3 | Name [REDACTED] | Position Director... |
| 4. | Name [REDACTED] | Position Director... |

Any Other Information

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

We have a strong track record in food support and security.

- **We build partnerships for practical action.**
 - Feeding Resilience - we linked Dawley Community Garden to Brookside Central to restore their overgrown raised beds and train volunteers in growing. We established a network for allotments and growers to share skills and get surplus into the community.

- At Grove School, we sourced funding for a gardener to train volunteers to run the gardening club, with parents and grandparents coming in regularly.
- These small actions build trust and long-term collaborative relationships.
- **We have toolkits for food resilience:**
 - We are leading [national research for Sustain](#) on how to achieve food resilience and have developed tools for community-led risk assessment, council strategy and action planning through pilots at [Bishops Castle](#) and Ludlow and emerging practice across England.
 - This is underpinned by strong facilitation skills to ensure all of our work is community-led across schools, farmers clusters and community networks. We ran [Food Conversations](#) with 72 people including councillors, community organisations and young people to inform government policy on food. We have also run the Collaboration Space at the last 3 Marches Food Network annual gatherings with 250+ attendees to build a common vision and understanding of what needs to change.
- **We have practical experience of co-ordinating emergency response during COVID.** During COVID, the Shropshire Good Food Partnership was part of the Shrewsbury Food Hub and took a key role in co-ordinating across Shrewsbury and Shropshire: accessing long-life food for food banks, bringing organisations together to ensure clear communications who could access food where , setting up regular webinars and what's app groups so councillors and community groups could quickly find food support for residents.

Declarations

Q18 Declaration

I confirm, on behalf of Shropshire Good Food Partnership

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: [REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED] First Name: [REDACTED]

Surname:

... [REDACTED]

Organisation address:

[REDACTED]

Postcode:
[Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted]

Signed: ... [Redacted] Date: ...20/7/26.....

Q19 Signature of Person Completing the Application

14 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 Q13**

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: 20/7/26 ...

Checklist

1. Have you answered every question? x ☐
2. Have all signatures been completed? x ☐
3. Have you included a copy of your constitution? x ☐
4. Have you included a copy of your most recent audited accounts? x ☐
5. Please state any supporting documents you are submitting: x ☐

Civil Food Resilience in practice - lead researcher Daphne Du Cros
Feeding Resilience Pilot Case Study

Please return your completed application form to:

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Shrewsbury
SY1 1JD**

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