



SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL 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 <small>(In no more than 25 words)</small>	Saving lives and making Shrewsbury town centre a safe place to come to during the night-time economy	GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED	£2300.00
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Contact Details

Q1 Name of organisation making application:

Shrewsbury Street Pastors

Name of contact for this application

Title: **Mr** First Name: **Steve** Surname: **Jones**

Position held in the organisation:

Director of Operations

Contact Address, including full postcode:

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Contact Telephone Number:

Email address:

About your organisation

Q2 What type of organisation are you?

Tick (✓) relevant category:

Registered Charity: (✓) Charity Registration Number : **1144473**
Voluntary Organisation: ()
Company Limited by Guarantee: () Company Number
Other – Please specify:

Q3 When was your organisation established?

November 2011

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.

The Shrewsbury Street Pastors were started following a recommendation from the County Coroner following several river deaths in Shrewsbury. There were approx., seven deaths at this time per year. We are volunteers who typically patrol the streets on a Saturday, and some Friday nights 10:30pm – 4am and the work is funded by voluntary contributions. Much of the work involves identifying vulnerable people in the vicinity of the River Severn, in collaboration with door staff at the venues and the local police.

A primary function is the protection of young adults who come from a wide catchment area to socialise in Shrewsbury's town centre. While many of Shrewsbury's venues provide a relatively safe place for people to meet, inevitably some encounter difficulty following a heady cocktail of too much alcohol, recreational drugs, high emotions and relationship difficulties. A fun evening can quickly turn into distress, sickness, loneliness and anti-social behaviour. Part of the formal training of Street Pastors comes from The Samaritans, who help them listen and talk with people who may have suicidal feelings. They are also equipped with lollipops, flip-flops, space blankets and bottles of water, useful for defusing potentially violent situations and providing comfort and protection to those in need. This practical help saw the supply of 1,968 lollipops, 480 pairs of flip-flops, 102 space blankets and 252 bottles of water during the past year. Part of the mission is to intervene before people call the emergency services, providing pre-emptive support for people in the town centre.

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

No we are a local charity – we do hold an operating licence for Shrewsbury from Ascension Trust.

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

Please state which and attach a copy:

Memorandum of Association

Q7 What is your primary source of funding?

Voluntary donations, collections in churches and funding boxes in venues. Talks to various groups e.g. WI and U3A. All statutory funding from the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner has gone.

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.

We need funds to cover cost of running the charity such as recruitment, fund-raising, management of the volunteers, organising all training requirements. If we had more funds available, we could train more volunteers and provide a team on Friday and Saturday evenings all through the year, rather than just in November and December. There are volunteers available, but lack of funds is preventing us from furthering our recruitment.

All volunteers need suitable uniform. All volunteers undertake an initial 46 hours of training and assessment and each volunteer costs over £300 to train and equip. We have at present nine new recruits waiting for their DBS, references and for interviews. All have been out on an observation patrol and would like to become Street Pastors.

We need funds in order to continue and develop the service to meet the changing demands of the client group, such as supporting those with Mental Health issues. We need funds in order to carry on the use of our support vehicle aka 'The Donkey' and the costs of insurance, maintenance and fuel costs and at some stage we will eventually need to replace it. We have incidental costs of consumables such as flip flops, water, space blankets and lollipops which are given to clients in need. We must replace first aid equipment and there are costs of updating our defibrillator.

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 remains a problem with keeping people away from the river, whether this is a result of alcohol, drugs or increasingly those with mental health issues threatening suicide. The River Severn runs in a loop through the centre of our town, which means all the night time venues are within two minutes' walk from a very fast flowing river prone to flooding, so keeping revellers safe, and those who are at significant risk of committing suicide is a life-threatening reality.

Shrewsbury's vibrant night time economy serves a large rural area of our county. We also have a growing number of young people coming in to town as we have four universities (School of Health Sciences Staffordshire University, University Centre Shrewsbury, Harper Adams University, Telford campus of Wolverhampton University) bringing substantial numbers of young people into our town.

We have problems with individuals bringing drugs from Liverpool and The Wirral, now part of 'County Lines' influencing both our night-time economy and our more vulnerable members of our community. We also have instances of "grooming" in our town.

There are increasing numbers of houses being built across the county resulting in increasing population of all age groups, including those with little local family support, making them more vulnerable to outside influences.

Shrewsbury has twice been awarded the prestigious Purple Flag award as recognition as a 'Safe Place' to party. Street Pastors was influential in achieving this award.

Unfortunately, there is no longer a night bus service in Shrewsbury, and no return transport by train after midnight so all night time party goers must rely on taxis, (which must be booked in advance) friends or family or walking to return home, often by the side of the river.

This is an ongoing problem and one that is likely to increase.

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

Up to 100 per patrol per night

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 measure the success by the number of interventions and number of lives saved as provided on our patrol report every week. We can provide statistical data involving interventions with homeless people on the streets at the weekend and we will be able to provide cover when the Shrewsbury Ark is closed.

We will be able to measure the increase in people with mental health issues we have referred to Sanctuary – the joint project with Shropshire MIND, Shrewsbury Sarmatians and West Mercia Police. We have developed 'Prevention Plans' that are supporting vulnerable people in our town and this funding will be used to develop this further. (Details of these are available on request)

We will have more Street Pastors who will be able to patrol the town on both Fridays and Saturdays.

We regularly report to Team Shrewsbury on a monthly basis and sit on the Strategic planning group. This means that we can keep all partners informed of developments within the night-time economy.

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?

Public and Employers Liability Insurance and Support vehicle insurance.

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

Director of Operations holds an NVQ Level 5 in Volunteer Management. Team Leaders undertake specific Team leader Training and assessment.

Each volunteer receives 46 hours of training including Drugs & Alcohol, Police, Know your Community – delivered by Town Clerk, Listening Skills, mentoring, Probation, Youth Culture, Sociology and Education.

We also have throwline training, first aid, defibrillator, and suicide training

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*

- Health and Safety
- Child Protection/Safeguarding
- Working with vulnerable adults
- Equal Opportunities
- 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 £
	None	

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 £2300.00 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
Trainer Costs Roles & Responsibilities	£500.00
Trainer Costs Drugs & Alcohol Team	£250.00
Trainer Costs Youth Culture Shropshire Youth Association	£250.00
Uniform Cost x 9 Street Pastors	£2700.00
Training Books	£90.00
Total	£3790.00
Project Income Please list how the project shall be funded	
Donations from churches	£990.00
Funds raised by Friends Group	£500.00
	£1490.00
What is the difference? This should be the same as the amount of Grant you are applying for	£2300.00

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 will be able to train less volunteers so that will limit the number of patrols we can put out. We will not be able to respond to all the requests from Team Shrewsbury partners. If we cannot maintain the vehicle we will get to the stage where we need to give it back to the Police.

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 will continue to seek Evidence of need over the next twelve months and we are seeking to put some applications to several major funders in order to support the development of work which could include some contracts with local statutory services.

Our trustees are in the process of agreeing a funding plan that covers:

- Financial planning
- Partnership working
- Communication
- Learning and developing
- Management ability and capacity
- Environmental impact

Your Accounts

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

Total Income	£28654.00
Less Total Expenditure	£35619.00
Surplus / Loss	Interim accounts from September 2017 to March 2018
Savings (Reserves, Cash, Investments)	£None

We have changed our accounting year we have included our last two annual reports.

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 give us 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: .

Bank/building society name: .

Bank/building society address: .

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

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| 1 | Name | Position Finance Officer |
| 2 | Name | Position Trustee Secretary |
| 3 | Name | Position |

Any Other Information

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

The service is welcomed for being direct and impartial, providing support in a non-judgmental way. We monitor twenty rough sleepers, ensuring that The Shrewsbury Ark Day Centre for homeless people is notified when necessary and doing what we can to keep them safe and providing hot drinks..

External support for the organisation stems from the majority of Shrewsbury's local churches across seven different denominations. We have a support vehicle, called the Donkey, which we use as a Safe Place to get vulnerable people off the streets. This is used alongside our walking patrols which consist of 3-6 trained volunteers, accompanied by a driver and helper on our support vehicle.

Furthermore, we would like to improve the support vehicle's capabilities, using it for outreach, preventative work, and promotional activities to raise awareness of our charity's objectives. There are also a range of insurance and administration costs associated with the running of the charity, such as vehicle insurance, radio licenses and insurance for the Street Pastors themselves. We feel that the funding from Shrewsbury Town Council will enable us to both expand and develop our links with other voluntary and statutory services within Shrewsbury such as Samaritans, MIND, ARK, Mental Health services, homeless charities, the Food Hub, River Rescue teams, the police, paramedics and the door staff of the venues. We need to continue to develop these links with other agencies in order to provide a full service to our clients' needs.

We thank you for your time in considering our application

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 **Shrewsbury Street Pastors**.(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: **Chairman of Trustees**

Title **Mr** First Name: **Pete** Surname: **Lawton**

Organisation address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Signed:

Date: ;

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:

Date: **25/01/19**

Checklist

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| 1. Have you answered every question? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES |
| 2. Have all signatures been completed? | <input type="checkbox"/> Spoken to Helen |
| 3. Have you included a copy of your constitution? | <input type="checkbox"/> Bring in Monday |
| 4. Have you included a copy of your most recent audited accounts? | <input type="checkbox"/> Bring in Monday |
| 5. Please state any supporting documents you are submitting: | <input type="checkbox"/> To be agreed |

Please return your completed application form to:

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