



APPLICATION FORM FOR COMMUNITY GRANT AID

Please read the Community Grant Aid Policy attached before completion of this form

Name of group	Bingham Bowling Club
Name, address and contact information of person submitting the application	Keith Hackett
Membership of the Group	<p>Figures taken from 2025 membership as at end of financial year (31 October 2025)</p> <p>Under 18's - Zero Residents of Bingham - 199 Over 18's - 248 Residents outside of Bingham – 49</p>
Information/history about your group	<p>Bingham Bowling Club celebrated its centenary in 2022 and has remained at the heart of the community in Bingham to this day. The Club was originally located at what was the Chesterfield Arms and moved to it's current location at the Dovecote, Long Acre in September 1993. The Club occupied that land under a 30 year lease which was renewed in September 2023 for a further 15 years with mutual breaks at 4 yearly intervals.</p>
<p>State the purpose for which financial assistance is sought and confirm how much is being requested in grant funding. (costing's/quotes to be included)</p>	<p>The land that the Club occupies from the Crown Estate is, to the western side, bordered by Jebb's Lane where three tall mature trees overhang the bowling green. These trees are, again, in need of cutting back to prevent ongoing nuisance from tree debris on both the bowling green and adjoining path where bird droppings are a health hazard. In the past these trees have been cut back by local authorities via their specialist contractors. However, having again approached the authority to cut them back, we have been advised that no action will be taken by them but we could undertake the necessary work ourselves, at our cost and subject to prior notification to local planning before undertaking the works; Local Authority funding challenges seem to be playing a significant part in decisions around funding this type of work.</p> <p>We have obtained a quote from Arbex Tree Surgeons to undertake the works in the sum of £2,880 (including VAT) and we now apply for a grant to cover this cost. The trees are not the Club's responsibility, the cost would be prohibitive and is also considered, by the Club Committee, to be inappropriate to fund from members subscriptions and fees when there are other much needed works at the Club that also require funding.</p>
Is the group making a financial contribution or providing evidence of any fundraising	<p>We are applying for a 100% grant towards the work because the trees are not the responsibility of the Bowling Club, no local authority action is planned and we have been complaining about this nuisance / health and safety issue for a number of years. The cost of undertaking the work from Club funds is prohibitive and there is a long list of items of repair and refurbishment that will have first call on any surplus funds that might be generated.</p>

<p>Provide information on the benefit to Bingham residents if an award was made and an approx. number benefitting</p>	<p>The Club is used by 199 Bingham residents and a further 49 from surrounding towns and villages. Members benefit from the physical activity of bowling and social interaction with other members There is an active social side to the Club's activities including Bingo, Quiz nights, bridge and music groups. The Bowling Club also supports local charitable organisations including Royal British Legion and Bingham & District Audio Magazine.</p> <p>The Club relies heavily on volunteers to manage the Club and to maintain the property, grounds and Bowling green. The nuisance created by these trees is a further challenge to our volunteers' time and effort which could be easily averted if action was taken to cut back the overhanging branches. The Bingham Bowling Club has been at the heart of the community for over 100 years.</p>
<p>Details of other grants applied for or awarded to the group over the last twelve months</p>	<p>The Bowling Club has not applied to the Town Council for a grant in the past three years.</p>
<p>Please add any further information in support of the application</p>	<p>A copy of the quotation for these works and most recent audited Club accounts are attached.</p> <p>At the end of our latest accounting period (3rd November 2025) the Club had £14,121.26 cash at bank - £4k of which is allocated to works to address Health & Safety trip hazards from un-level and sunken paving at the Western side of the bowling green. The remaining £10k is held as a contingency should, in the worst case, the Club cease to be viable; ongoing liability for rent for up to 4 years plus the associated rates and insurance.</p> <p>Any in year surplus from subscriptions, fees and fund raising activities is used to cover ongoing running costs and a prioritised list of much needed improvement and refurbishment works..</p>

Signed

Date 17 February 2026

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