



## BINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### APPLICATION FORM FOR COMMUNITY GRANT AID

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

Name of group	Bingham Musical Theatre Company - BMTC (Formally Bingham Amateur Operatic Society)
Name, address and contact information of person submitting the application	<p>Eloise Warriner</p> <p>We have been involved in providing community theatre for Bingham and the local area, attracting members and audiences from the local area. We are the longest standing amateur theatre group locally, originally known as Bingham Amateur Operatic Society being established in 1957 and we will be celebrating 70 years next year</p>
Membership of the Group	<p>Under 18's - 9 Over 18's - 27 Residents outside of Bingham - 2 Residents from Bingham - the majority of members and Trustees N.B. Additional members 'come and go' dependent on circumstances and show involvement Partnership with Bingham School of Dance</p>
Information/history about your group	<p>Bingham Amateur Operatic Society was initiated in 1957 by a group of Bingham enthusiasts who were keen to create a local organisation for local people interested in the performing arts, the closest such organisations at the time being in Newark and the City of Nottingham. Over the years, the society has produced Gilbert and Sullivan, Classic Musicals and Pantomimes.</p>

<p>State the purpose for which financial assistance is sought and confirm how much is being requested in grant funding. (costings/quotes to be included)</p>	<p>Since its inception, our local theatre group has put on a variety of productions in the town ranging from period plays to pantomimes. Like many Performing Arts organisations locally and nationally, the pandemic took its toll, with outgoing for things such as insurance and storage facilities and no income from performances. As a not-for-profit charity, run entirely by volunteers, this has recently meant considerable personal subsidising from members of the Committee and a small group called 'Friends of BMTC' to facilitate performances. One of our largest outgoings is for our annual Pantomime, held at Bingham Arena, where we also hold weekly rehearsals in the run up to the show. The charge for the venue is £2,500, though we have managed to negotiate a 20% discount on that for the last two years. We are actively seeking alternative venues for rehearsals to reduce this outgoing.</p> <p>In addition to these costs the society has to purchase staging and set, technical equipment and costume expenses. There is no set within arena, with the stage requiring an apron to give sufficient space for performances and allowing access around the rear of the stage to be able to entrance from both sides. Therefore we have to supply our own. The technical equipment at the Arena is relatively basic and necessitates additional speakers, lighting and sound for large performances. We are seeking funding from Bingham Town Council for both set and technical equipment to support our production and have attached invoices for last year's show to indicate the costs. These amount to over £2,000 and any contribution towards these costs would be greatly appreciated.</p>
<p>Is the group making a financial contribution or providing evidence of any fundraising</p>	<p>Our fundraising efforts include Friends of BMTC events at the Rugby Club along with Tombola and Face painting at Bingham Summer Fayre and Christmas Markets. This year we hope to offer these at BFest too.</p> <p>The majority of costs for this particular production will be funded through private donations and local fundraising.</p>
<p>Provide information on the benefit to Bingham residents if an award was made and an approx. number benefitting</p>	<p>Our pantomime audience reach is around 160 on average per performance and reaches out to all ages within the community.</p>
<p>Details of other grants applied for or awarded to the group over the last twelve months</p>	<p>We have not received any grant funding in the last ten years, partly because we have not requested it, but we have recently applied to Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club for a small grant of £500 to assist with costumes for Panto</p>

Please add any further information in support of the application

We are committed to providing community entertainment and are inclusive in our membership, offering roles both in stage management and on the stage. In our last pantomime, we supported young people developing their skills and gaining experience. This included offering experience to Toothill students in technical support, and costume design for a student in their second year at Trent University.

**Signed: Eloise Warriner** ( TemporaryTreasurer)

**Date** 24th February 2026

**Name** Eloise Warriner

**PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE LAST YEARS ACCOUNTS FOR REVIEW -**  
(attached )